

Introduction to sustainability strategies and the circular economy, or the challenge for the composites industry

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Learning objectives

- Understand why we need a circular economy
- Describe the limits of linear economic models
- Explain how we can change to a circular economy in engineered products
- Design your own circular initiatives



Now is the most exhilarating time to be an innovator.

Overview

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- Sustainability
- NetZero transition
- Linear vs. circular economy
- Circular economy frameworks
- Materials and engineered product examples
- Enablers to a CE
- Initiatives

















4 NetZero Energy Lessons | NetZero Buildings





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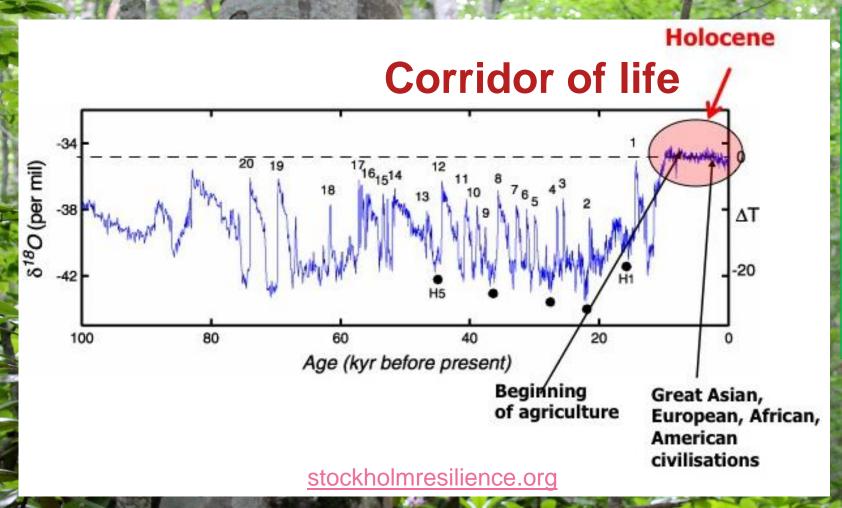
Sustainability can be defined as:

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"Avoiding the depletion of our natural resources in order to maintain a balanced ecosystem and preserve natural capital while meeting the needs (wants?) of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs".

Holocene

the stable geological epoch in the earth history that has lead to our blue and green planet



- Relatively stable
 Holocene climate during
 the past ca. 10,000 years
- Record from Greenland Ice Sheet, proxy for atmospheric temperature over Greenland



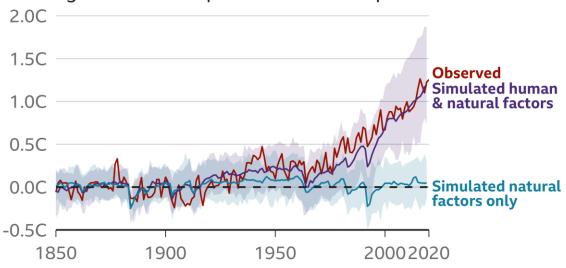
Our planet is getting warmer, CO2e driven

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 Unequivocal warming through human activity

Human influence has warmed the climate

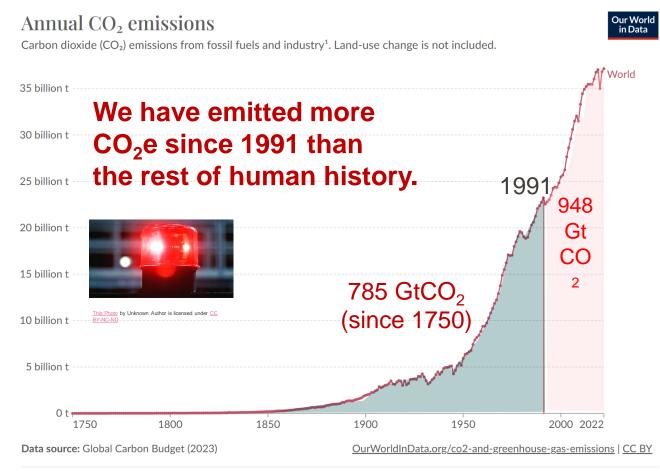
Change in average global temperature relative to 1850-1900, showing observed temperatures and computer simulations



Note: Shaded areas show possible range for simulated scenarios

Source: IPCC, 2021: Summary for Policymakers





1. Fossil emissions: Fossil emissions measure the quantity of carbon dioxide (CO_2) emitted from the burning of fossil fuels, and directly from industrial processes such as cement and steel production. Fossil CO_2 includes emissions from coal, oil, gas, flaring, cement, steel, and other industrial processes. Fossil emissions do not include land use change, deforestation, soils, or vegetation.

CO2 emissions - Our World in Data

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Climate change: UN warning over nations' climate

plans - BBC News



Arrhenius 1896

ARRHENIUS EQUATION $k = A e^{\frac{-E_0}{RT}}$

On the Influence of Carbonic Acid in the Air upon the Temperature of the Ground

Svante Arrhenius

Philosophical Magazine and Journal of Science Series 5, Volume 41, April 1896, pages 237-276.

This photocopy was prepared by Robert A. Rohde for Global Warming Art (http://www.globalwarmingart.com/) from original printed material that is now in the public domain.

Arrhenius's paper is the first to quantify the contribution of carbon dioxide to the greenhouse effect (Sections I-IV) and to speculate about whether variations in the atmospheric concentration of carbon dioxide have contributed to long-term variations in climate (Section V). Throughout this paper, Arrhenius refers to carbon dioxide as "carbonic acid" in accordance with the convention at the time he was writing.

THE

LONDON, EDINBURGH, AND DUBLIN

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JOURNAL OF SCIENCE.

[FIFTH SERIES.]

APRIL 1896.

XXXI. On the Influence of Carbonic Acid in the Air upon the Temperature of the Ground. By Prof. SVANTE ARRHENIUS*.

Major GHG contributors

Engineered products touch

Transport 16%

- a leading source of greenhouse gas emissions
- Road 12%
- Aviation1.9%
- Shipping1.7%

Chemicals 5.8%

- 2.2% manufacturi ng
- 3.6% powering chemical industry

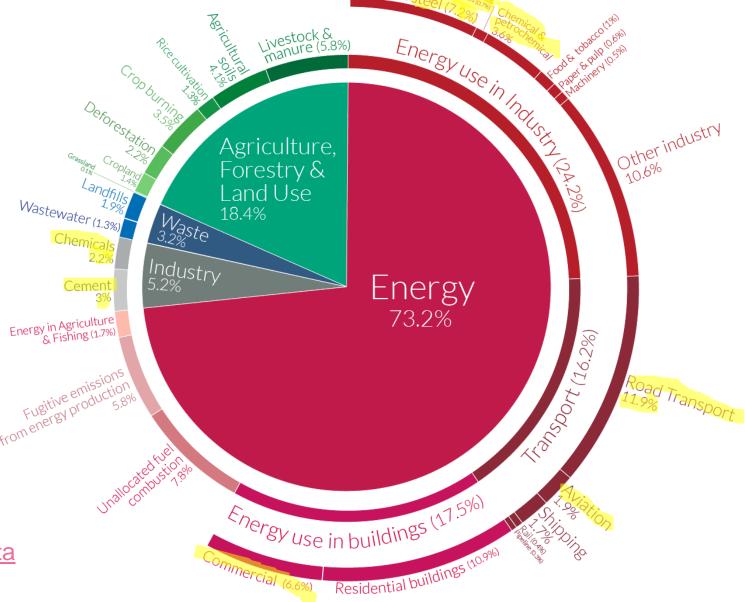
Materials 20%

- Steel 7%
- Plastic 3%
- Aluminum 0.5%
- Copper 0.1%
- Cement 3-5%
- Battery materials 0.1%
- Coal/energy mining 3-4%
- Other metals1%

Global greenhouse gas emissions by sector

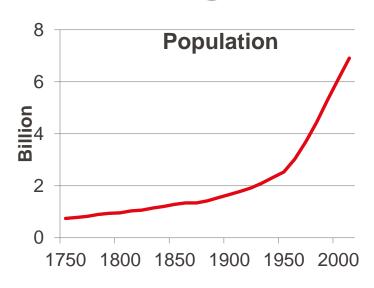
This is shown for the year 2016 – global greenhouse gas emissions were 49.4 billion tonnes CO₂eq.

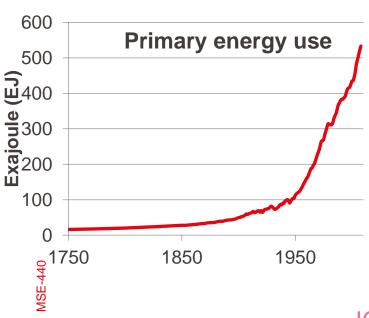


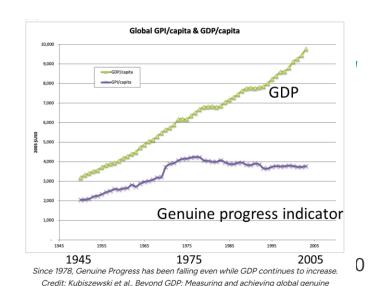


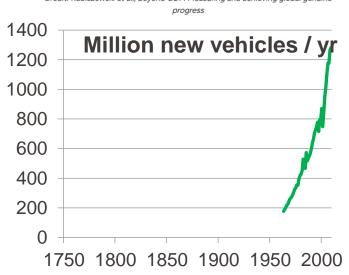
Emissions by sector - Our World in Data

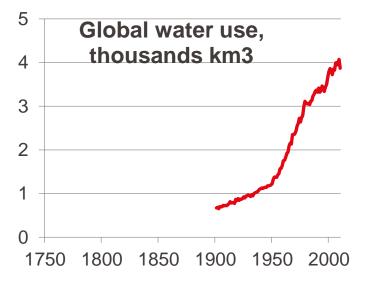
The great acceleration: Socio-economic trends (6 of 12)

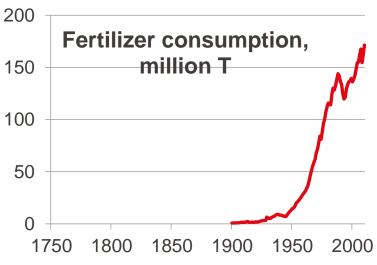








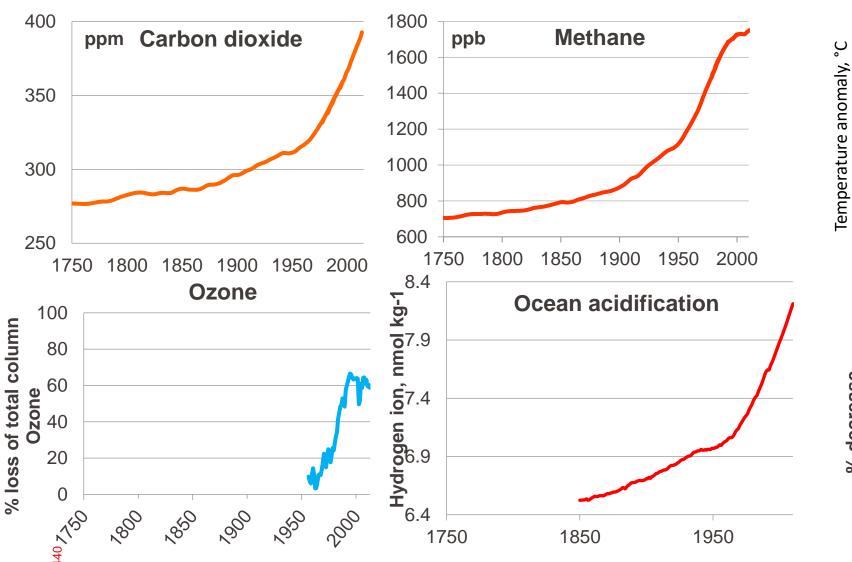


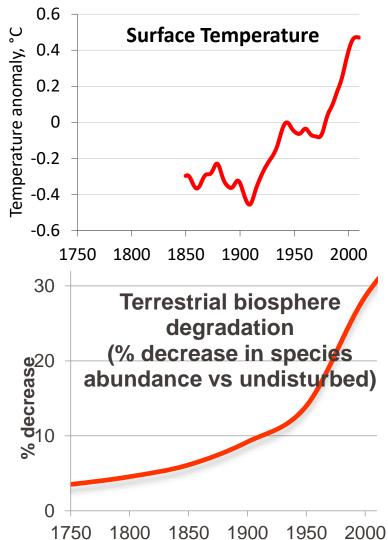


GPI = GDP (value of all goods and services produced) minus the environmental and social costs

IGBPGreatAccelerationdatacollection.xlsx (live.com)

The great acceleration: Earth System trends (6 of 12)





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Continued advancing ... but in a sustainable way

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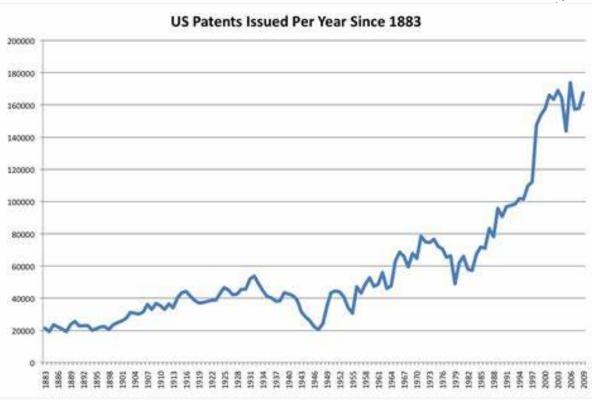
 Find a way to capture the amazing advances we have made as a human society (health, longevity, science, technology, travel, art ...)

but

 in a sustainable way (without taking a mortgage on future generations)

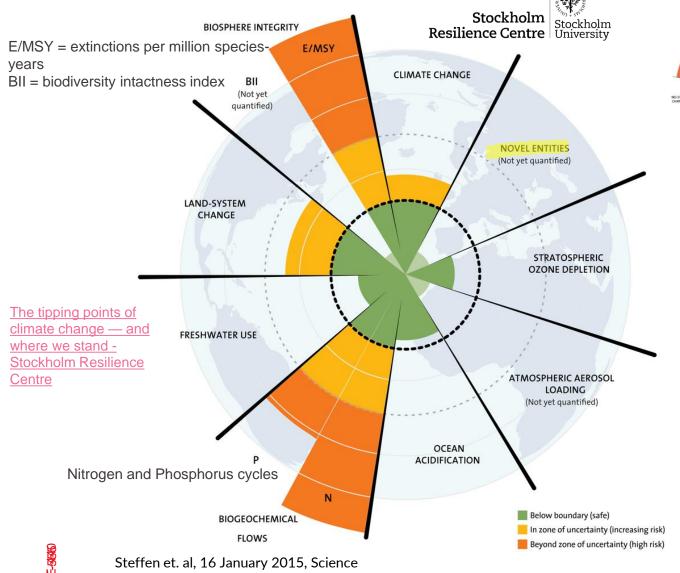


- Value our own mental and physical health
- A remapping of we how we become more advanced as a society



Research: part of the great acceleration

Planetary boundary model

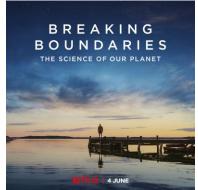


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PB over time. 2009, 2015, 2023.jpg | Powered by Box





Let the environment guide our development | Johan Rockstrom - YouTube

Time lines of reversal

- Global surface temperature: <u>years</u>
- Permafrost: decades
- Ocean expansion: millennia

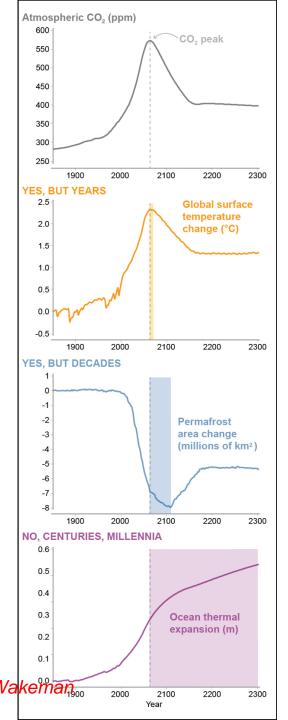
Reversal outside of pricing and economics (Significant non-trivial externalities not considered by economics)

Carbon dioxide stays in atmosphere for centuries to millennia, but carbon removal accelerates the natural cycle to store excess carbon in soil, plants, or water.

A simplified computer model shows how long Earth systems take (years to centuries) to rebound

following peak ${\rm CO_2}$ emissions (vertical gray dashed lines in each plot). Credit: *IPCC* [2021], FAQ 5.3

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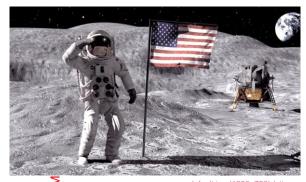
Mark Carney, ex governor of the bank of England

- climate change is the "Tragedy of the Horizon"
- The catastrophic effects of climate change will be felt (well) beyond the traditional horizons of most (financial) actors

Anthropocene

Proposed <u>geological epoch</u> dating from the commencement of significant <u>human</u> impact on Earth's geology and <u>ecosystems</u>, including, but not limited to, <u>anthropogenic climate change</u>

- Start date range: i) <u>Agricultural Revolution</u> 12,000–15,000 years ago, ii) peak in <u>radionuclides</u> fallout from atomic bomb testing in 1950s
- September 2021: formally proposed to <u>International Commission</u> on <u>Stratigraphy</u> (ICS) locating markers to the time period coinciding with the <u>Great Acceleration</u>, and the <u>Atomic Age</u>.
- Ratification process ongoing, date yet to be decided







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Terraforming:

<u> argest Mines in the World (911metallurgist.com)</u>

The **Diavik diamond mine**, Canada (Rio Tinto)



2.4 million



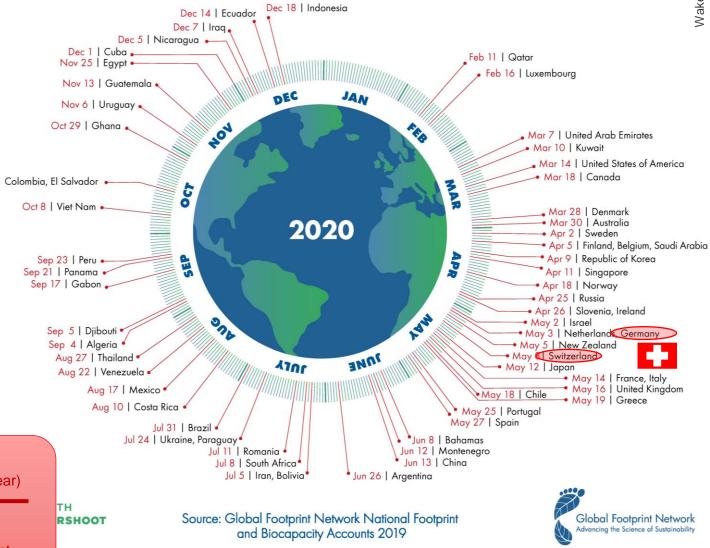
A 1991 study by the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW) predicted that some **2.4 million** people would eventually die from cancer as a result of atmospheric testing globally.

75 YEARS LATER, NUCLEAR WEAPONS STILL KILL | Geneva Centr... www.gcsp.ch/global-insights/75-years-later-nuclear-weapons-still-kill

Trinity was the <u>code name</u> of the first detonation of a <u>nuclear device</u>. It was conducted by the <u>United States Army</u> at 5:29 a.m. on July 16, 1945, as part of the <u>Manhattan Project</u>.

When would Earth Overshoot Day land if the world's population lived like...

- Date humanity's resource consumption for year exceeds Earth's capacity to regenerate those resources that year.
- "Overshoot" represents level by Oct 17 | Colombia, El Salvador Which human population
 exceeds sustainable amount of resources
- Day in which humanity enters environmental deficit spending



world biocapacity

(the amount of natural resources generated by Earth that year)

EOD

world ecological footprint

(humanity's consumption of Earth's natural resources for that year), and multiplying by 365, the number of days in a year.

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 Ecological ceiling (and boundaries)

- Social foundation (and shortfalls)
- Need the safe and just space between these social and planetary boundaries
- Humanity's 21st century goal

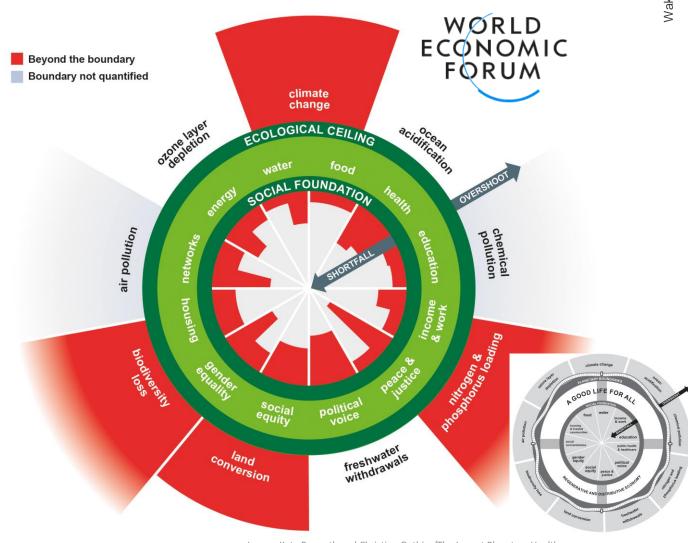


Image: Kate Raworth and Christian Guthier/The Lancet Planetary Health

Wealth inequality

Richest 1% own half the world's wealth, study finds

Credit Suisse report highlights increasing gap between the superrich and the remainder of the globe's population



▲ The Credit Suisse report found 2.3 million new dollar millionaires were created over the past year, taking the total to 36 million. Photograph: Carl Court/Getty Images

The globe's richest 1% own half the world's wealth, according to a new report highlighting the growing gap between the super-rich and everyone else.

World's 26 richest people own as much as poorest 50%, says Oxfam

Charity calls for 1% wealth tax, saying it would raise enough to educate every child not in school



▲ The Oxfam report says that between 2017 and 2018 a new billionaire was created every two days. Photograph: Bloomberg via Getty Images

The growing concentration of the world's wealth has been highlighted by a report showing that the 26 richest billionaires own as many assets as the 3.8 billion people who make up the poorest half of the planet's population

World's 26 richest people own as much as poorest 50%, says Oxfam | The super-rich | The Guardian Confronting Carbon Inequality: Putting climate justice at the heart of the COVID-19 recovery (openrepository.com)

Of the 1%, by the 1%, for the 1% | Vanity Fair
Richest 1% own half the world's wealth, study finds | Inequality | The
Guardian

Carbon emissions correlate to wealth

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 The richest 1% of the world have used two times as much carbon as the poorest 50% of the population over the last 25 years

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Figure 5: Main categories of consumption among highest emitters in the EU (2010)³⁰

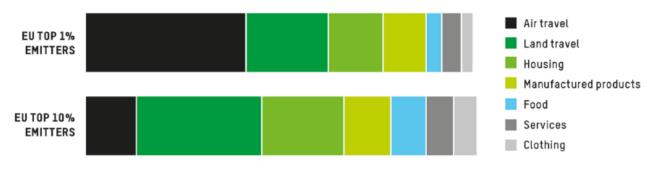
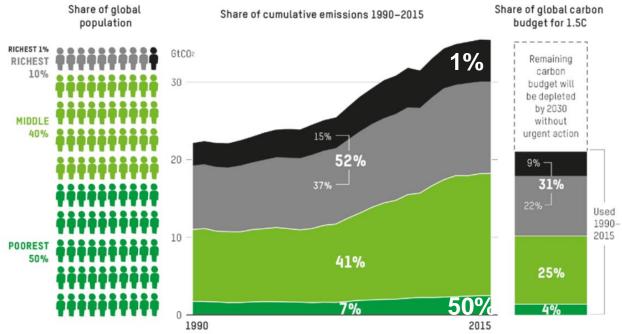


Figure 1: Share of cumulative emissions from 1990 to 2015 and use of the global carbon budget for 1.5C linked to consumption by different global income groups



Per capita income threshold (SPPP2011) of richest 1%: S109k; richest 10%: S38k; middle 40%: S6k; and bottom 50%: less than \$6k Global carbon budget from 1990 for 33% risk of exceeding 1.5C: 1,2056t.

Carbon emissions correlate to wealth

getty/images John Nuove

'As Oxfam's new report shows,

Our current (neo-liberal) economic model has been an enabler of <u>catastrophic climate</u> change and <u>equally catastrophic inequality</u>.

Ban Ki-moon, Deputy Chair of The Elders, former Secretary-General of the United Nations

COVID-19 pandemic provides an incontestable imperative to rebuild better and place the global economy on a more sustainable, resilient and fairer footing.

Addressing the disproportionate carbon emissions from the wealthiest in society must be a key priority as part of this collective commitment.'



UN 2030 sustainable development goals















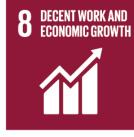


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AND PRODUCTION









15 LIFE ON LAND











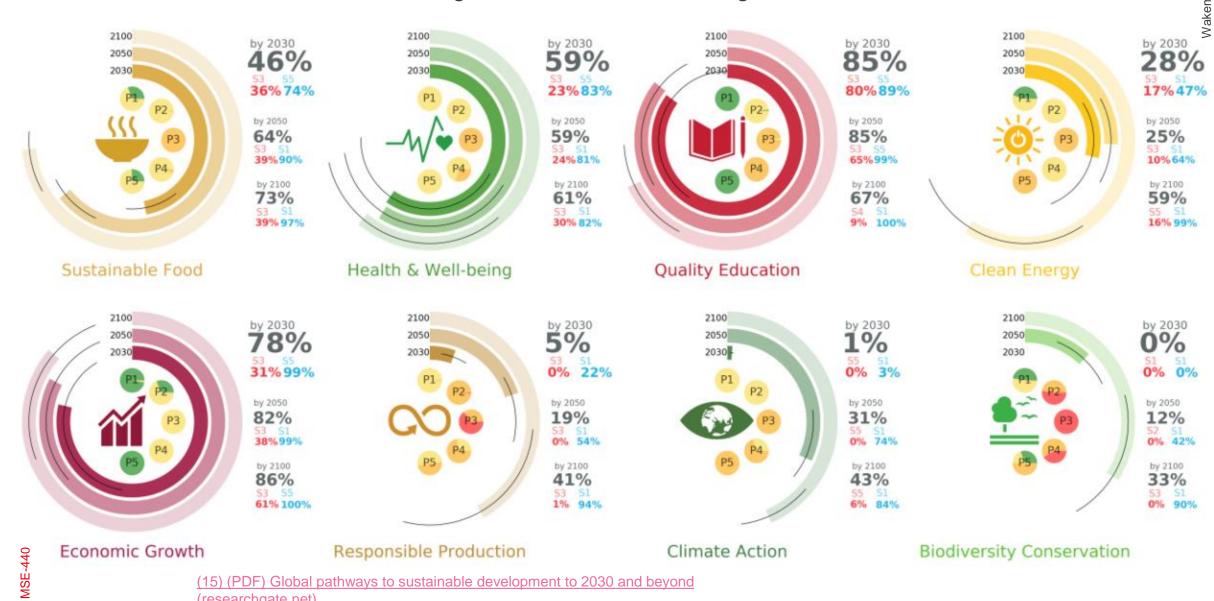




Home | Sustainable Development (un.org)

SDG progress

Countries are making incremental progress on strengthening their NDCs, but what we really need to achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement is urgent transformational change.



(15) (PDF) Global pathways to sustainable development to 2030 and beyond (researchgate.net)

SDG Tracker: Measuring progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals - Our World in Data

state-of-ndcs-2022.pdf (wri.org)

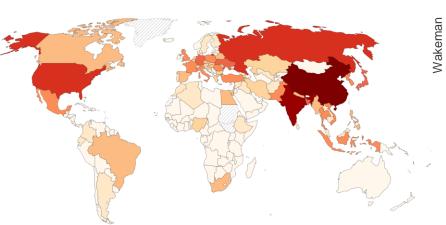
Our current Petro-chemical economy, diet, & human health

- ~ 15 million / yr of our own cause
 - Air pollution: 7 million, of which 3.6 million fossil fuel
 - Obesity: 2.8 million
 - Temperature: 5 million from excessive temperatures
- Around same as Covid-19: 14.9 million excess deaths in 2020 and 2021

Air pollution deaths from fossil fuels, 2015

This measures annual excess mortality from the health impacts of air pollution from fossil fuels.





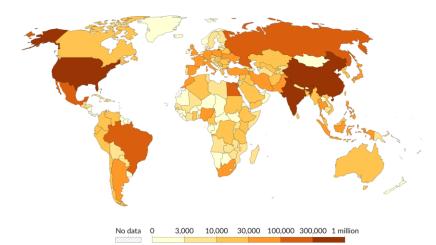
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Data source: Lelieveld et al. (2019). Effects of fossil fuel and total anthropogenic emission removal on public health and climate. PNAS. OurWorldinData.org/air-pollution | CC BY

Deaths due to obesity, 2021

Estimated annual number of deaths attributed to obesity1.



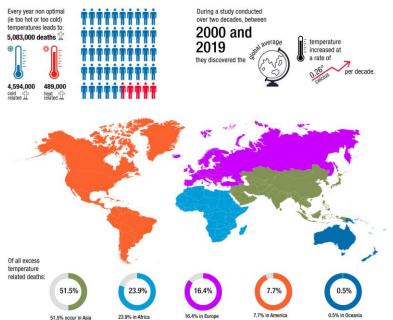


Data source: IHME, Global Burden of Disease (2024)

Note: Obesity is defined as having a body-mass index (BMI) ≥ 30. BMI is a person's weight (in kilograms) divided by their height (in material squared.

1. Obesity: Obesity is defined as having a body-mass index (BMI) above 30. A person's BMI is calculated as their weight (in kilograms) divided by their height (in meters) squared. For example, someone measuring 1.60 meters and weighing 64 kilograms has a BMI of 64 / 1.6² = 25. Obesity increases the mortality risk of many conditions, including cardiovascular disease, gastrointestinal disorders, type 2 diabetes, joint and muscular disorders, respiratory problems, and psychological issues.

World's largest study of global climate related mortality



how many people die from air pollution

Obesity (who.int)

global climate related mortality 5 million deaths a year to abnormal temperatures

COVID-19 pandemic (who.int)



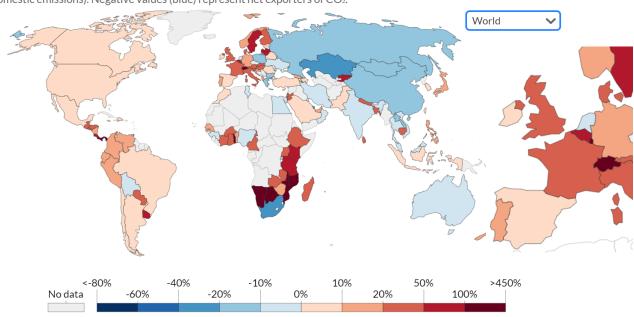
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Key issues for Switzerland

- Net importers of CO₂
- High standard of living & wealth drive consumption based CO₂ emissions

CO₂ emissions embedded in trade, 2018

Share of carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions embedded in trade, measured as emissions exported or imported as the percentage of domestic production emissions. Positive values (red) represent net importers of CO₂ (i.e. "20%" would mean a country imported emissions equivalent to 20% of its domestic emissions). Negative values (blue) represent net exporters of CO2.

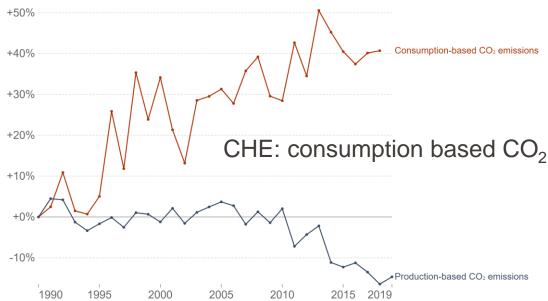


Source: Our World in Data based on the Global Carbon Project OurWorldInData.org/co2-and-other-greenhouse-gas-emissions/ • CC BY

2018

Production vs. consumption-based CO₂ emissions, Switzerland

Annual consumption-based emissions are domestic emissions adjusted for trade. If a country imports goods the CO₂ emissions needed to produce such goods are added to its domestic emissions; if it exports goods then this is subtracted.



OurWorldInData.org/co2-and-other-greenhouse-gas-emissions/ • CC BY Source: Global Carbon Project Note: This measures CO2 emissions from fossil fuels and cement production only - land use change is not included.





Negative externalities



125 M CHF clean up cost (700 CHF/working person in Valais)

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Swiss perspectives in 10 languages

Swiss Alps Slammed by More Severe Flooding, Landslides

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Sport Culture







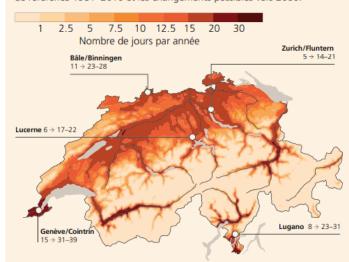




Switzerland forecast to 2085

Évolution du nombre de journées tropicales

Évolution attendue du nombre de jours avec des températures supérieures à 30 degrés Celsius vers 2060 par rapport à 1981–2010 (moyenne sur 30 ans) sans mesures de protection du climat. Les valeurs correspondent à la période de référence 1981–2010 et les changements possibles vers 2060.



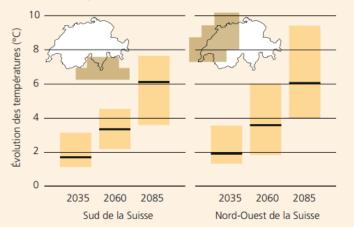
Plus de journées tropicales

Les régions urbaines situées à basse altitude seront particulièrement touchées par des canicules. Sur le Plateau et dans les vallées alpines, le thermomètre grimpera plus fréquemment au-dessus de la barre des 30 degrés Celsius qui caractérise une « journée tropicale ». On attend le plus grand nombre de journées tropicales supplémentaires pour les régions de Genève, du Valais et du Sud de la Suisse.

Évolution des températures maximales annuelles

Évolution moyenne vers 2035, 2060 et 2085 par rapport à la période de référence 1981–2010 (moyenne sur 30 ans) sans mesures de protection de climat.

Valeur attendue (valeur médiane de l'ensemble des simulations)
 Valeurs possibles (plage des valeurs possibles sur l'ensemble des simulations)



Les températures maximales augmenteront particulièrement

Les températures maximales annuelles augmenteront fortement. D'ici le milieu du siècle, le jour le plus chaud de l'année pourra atteindre jusqu'à 4 degrés Celsius de plus au Sud des Alpes et même jusqu'à 6 degrés Celsius de plus au Nord des Alpes par rapport à aujourd'hui. À Genève, par exemple, le jour le plus chaud d'une année moyenne pourrait atteindre environ les 40 degrés Celsius.

Median

+4°C Lausanne 2060

+6°C Lausanne 2085

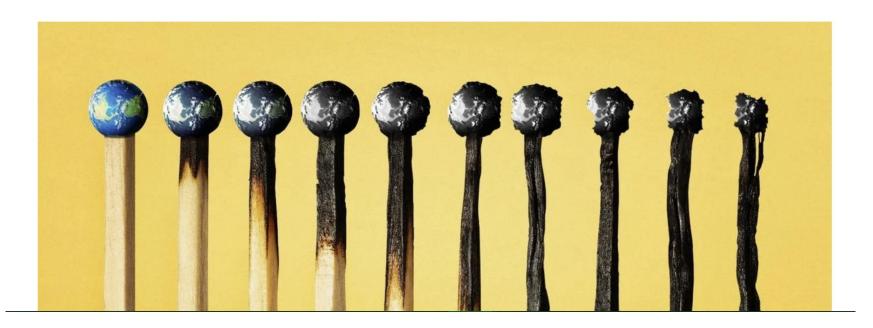
Briefing

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What's the worst that could happen

Three degrees of global warming is quite plausible and truly disastrous

Rapid emission cuts can reduce the risks but not eliminate them



Flight, fight, or freeze

- Aim is to help you fight
- Not freeze in data overload
- Not run away and ignore the issue



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Overview

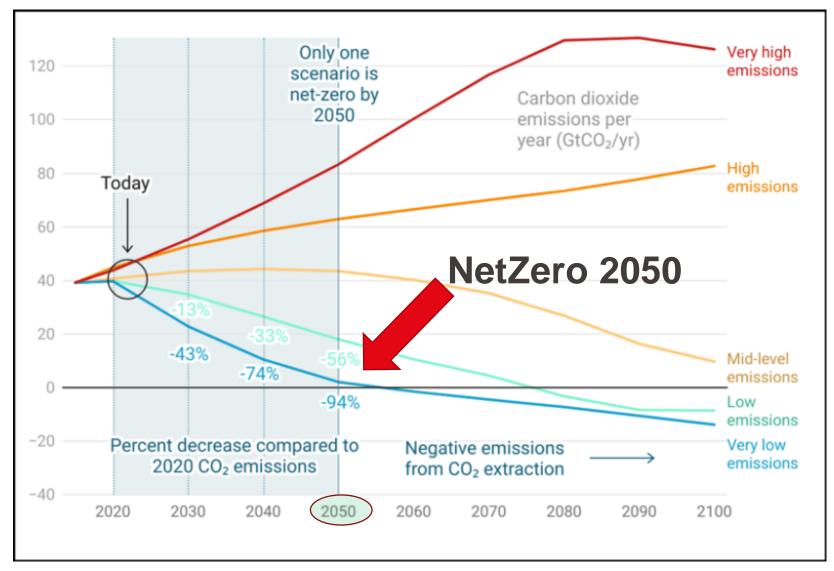
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CO₂ emissions reduction scenarios

Requires sharp CO₂ cuts per decade, net zero CO₂ by 2050, and carbon capture.

Needs systemic change.

- In industry
- In government
- In academia
- In our own lives

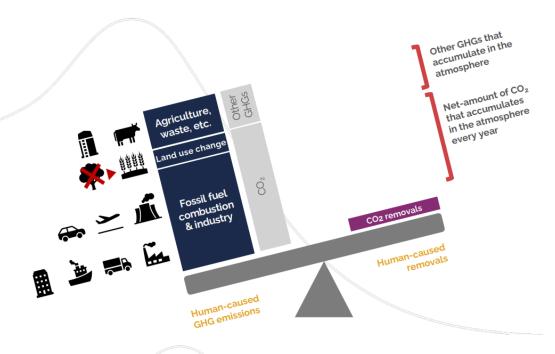


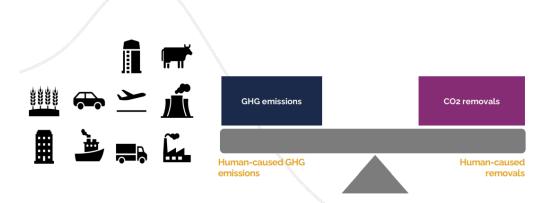
Credit: Jenessa Duncombe.

Source: *IPCC* [2021]

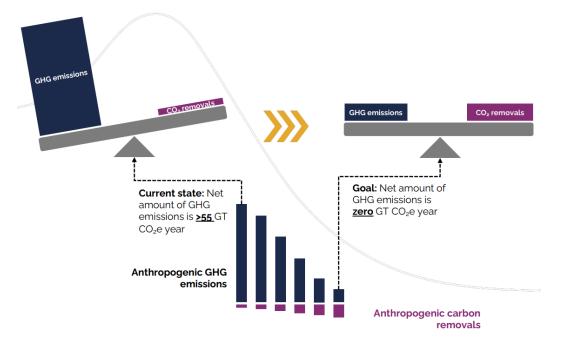


Towards a net-zero economy





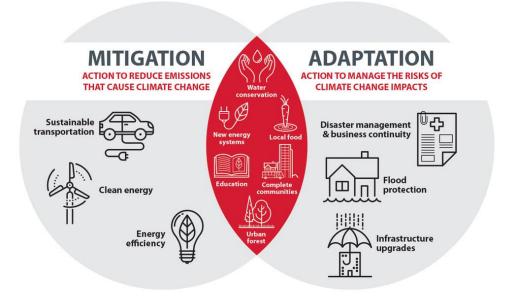
To limit global warming to 1.5°C, we must reach netzero carbon emissions **no** later than 2050.



Mitigation versus adaption

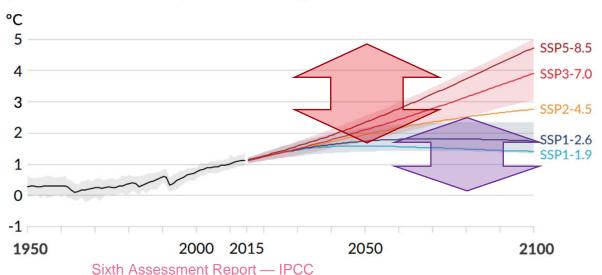
- Mitigation and adaptation are two different approaches to deal with climate change.
- Mitigation refers to the efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (abatement) and slow the rate of climate change.
- Adaptation refers to the efforts to adjust to the current and future effects of climate change.
- Mitigation tackles the causes of climate change, whereas adaptation tackles the effects.

Building Climate Resilience



ESS Topic 7.3: Climate change – Mitigation and Adaptation - AMAZING WORLD OF SCIENCE WITH MR.

a) Global surface temperature change relative to 1850-1900



Sept. 2024: Pledges and targets, Policies and actions...

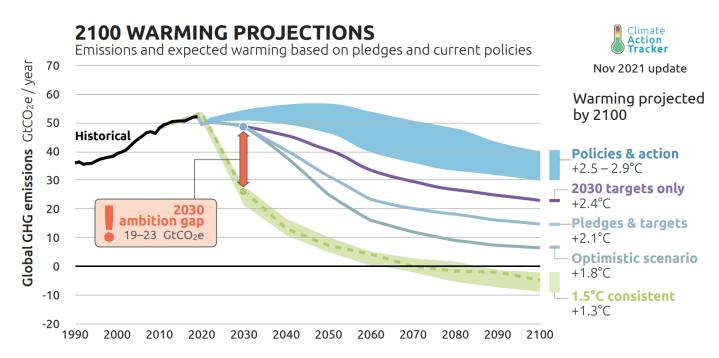
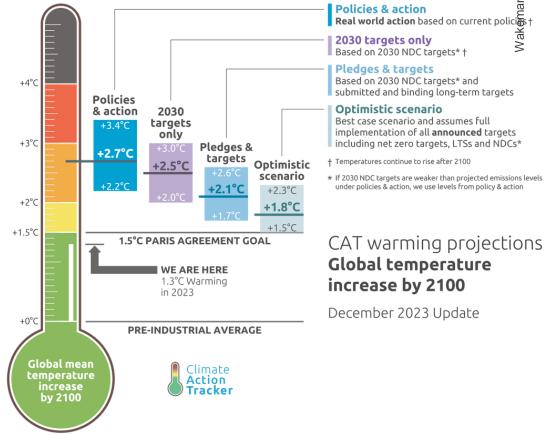


Figure 2 Global greenhouse gas emission pathways for CAT estimates of policies and action, 2030 targets only, 2030 and binding long-term targets and an optimistic pathway based on net zero targets of over 140 countries in comparison to a 1.5°C consistent pathway.

Leaves a <u>remaining carbon budget</u>

 \sum anthropogenic CO₂e that can still be emitted into the atmosphere while holding the global average temperature increase to 1.5°C

200 GtCO₂ as of 2024, equal to around six years of current CO₂ emissions.



Pledges and targets = +2.1°C; Policies and actions = +2.7°C

NDC

NDC-SDG Linkages

CLIMATEWATCH

vs.
SDGs?

Weak

Goal: 12 - Responsible consumption and production

interaction of NDC and the SDGs



Some targets linked

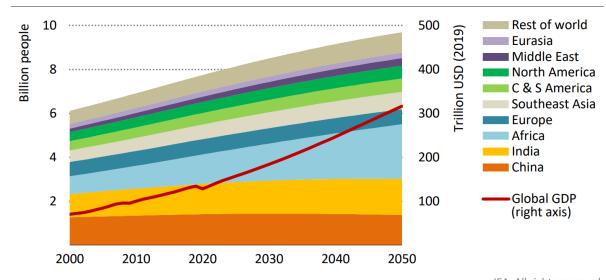
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All targets linked

NetZero 2050 population, GDP, energy

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Figure 2.1 ► World population by region and global GDP in the NZE

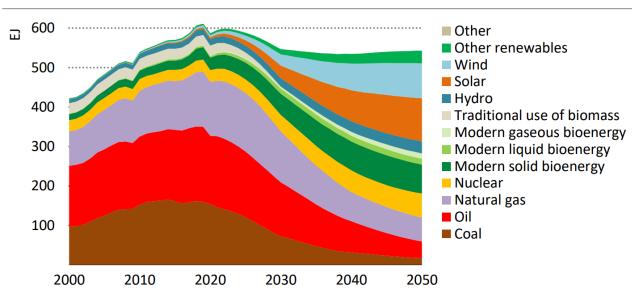


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By 2050, the world's population expands to 9.7 billion people and the global economy is more than twice as large as in 2020

Notes: GDP = gross domestic product in purchasing power parity; C & S America = Central and South America. Sources: IEA analysis based on UNDESA (2019); Oxford Economics (2020); IMF (2020a, 2020b).

Figure 2.5 > Total energy supply in the NZE



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Renewables and nuclear power displace most fossil fuel use in the NZE, and the share of fossil fuels falls from 80% in 2020 to just over 20% in 2050





NetZero 2050 milestones

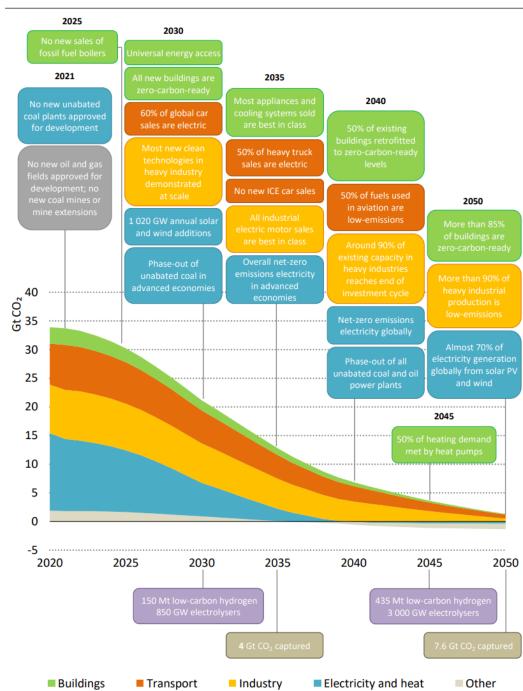
- **2030**
 - 1TW/yr annual solar and wind additions
 - Automakers plan to build 54 million attery electric vehicles
 - >50% of total vehicle production
 - Investment
 \$1.2 tr lion
- **2035**
 - werld's first zero-emission or mercial aircraft

 et zero electricity generation in EU
 - 2040
 - 39,000 n w passenger & freighter aircraft
 - al & oil power phased out
- 2050
 - 2x automobiles, 86% electric
 - 70% power solar, PV, and wind

Exclusive: Automakers to double spending on EVs, batteries to \$1.2 trillion by 2030 | Reuters

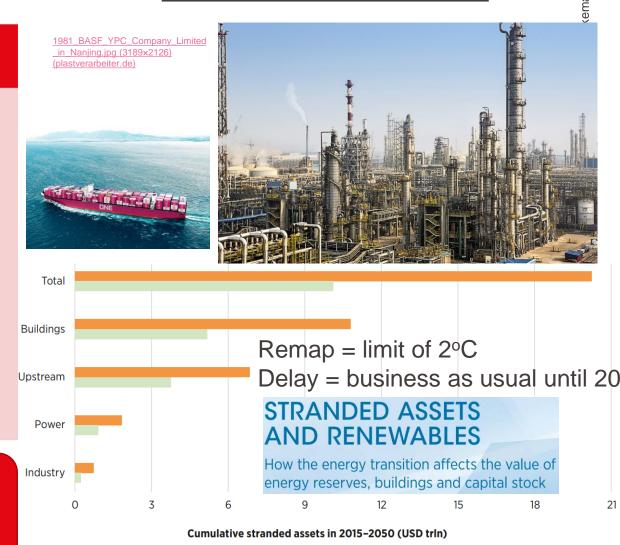
Net Zero by 2050 - A
Roadmap for the Global
Energy Sector

Key milestones in the pathway to net zero



Stranded Assets

- Big issue in industrial world
- e.g. EVs and power generation (coal)
- Significant assets in place
- Long payback period
- Difficult to change course, but then big impact
- Time needed to put new CAPEX investments in place is an urgent issue
 - clean power, energy efficient plant, urban environment, new ways of making materials, EV infrastructure ...
 - Stranded assets: redundant before end of usual operational life
 - Value = 10-20T\$ by 2050



Delayed policy action
REmap

Stranded Assets and Renewables: How the energy transition affects the value of energy reserves, buildings and capital stock - a REmap working paper (ourenergypolicy.org)

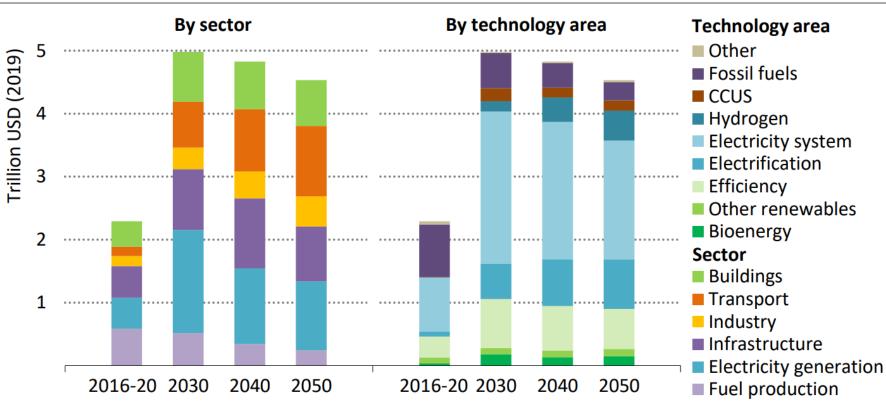
Capital investment in the NetZero economy

Figure 2.22 ► Annual average capital investment in the NZE

Growth creating (and changing) employment

- Transport
- Electrification
- Hydrogen
- Infrastructure

7.5% GDP more likely



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Capital investment in energy rises from 2.5% of GDP in recent years to 4.5% by 2030; the majority is spent on electricity generation, networks and electric end-user equipment

Investment needed to reach NetZero

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- \$275 trillion of cumulative spending on physical assets
- Equivalent to 7.5% of GDP from 2021 to 2050."
- In 2020 terms:
 - 50% global corporate profits
 - ¼ of total tax revenue
 - 15% gross fixed capital formation
 - 7% percent of household spending.
- Or 3-4x covid effort each year

McKinsey Sustainability

A net-zero economy: The impact of decarbonization | McKinsey



The Best Investment You Can Make | HuffPost Impact

Cost now versus delayed action

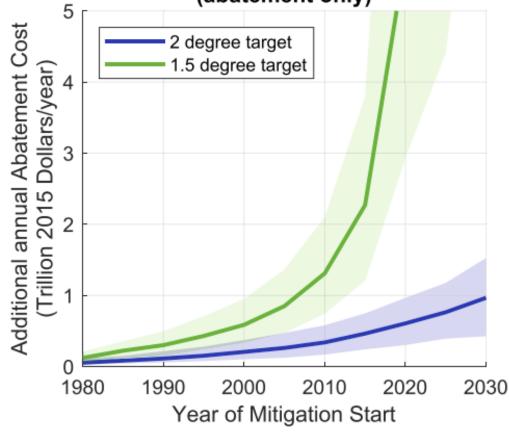
- Mitigation delay costs (excluding adaptation) additional 0.5(5) trillion \$/yr
- Could lose ~ 10% of total economic value by mid-century if climate change stays on current trajectory

(Paris Agreement and 2050 net-zero emissions targets are not met)





(b) Annual additional cost of delayed action (abatement only)



Excludes adaptation

Assessing the costs of historical inaction on climate change Scientific Reports (nature.com)

Clear business case for human health: pay back period

- The payback period for achieving net-zero emissions in terms of <u>human health</u> benefits ALONE is around 1 decade (10yrs)
- 1.Immediate Benefits: reductions in air pollution, which can lead to fewer respiratory and cardiovascular diseases. <u>Transitioning to cleaner energy sources can reduce health-related costs and improve quality of life within 1-5 years¹.</u>
- **2.Long-Term Gains**: reduced incidence of chronic diseases linked to climate change (e.g., heat-related illnesses, vector-borne diseases), <u>may take 10-20</u> years to fully materialize as the effects of climate change are mitigated².
- **3. Economic Considerations**: The economic payback from health improvements can also be significant, <u>for every dollar invested in climate action, there can be multiple dollars saved in health costs over time³</u>.

 REUTERS WORLD** BUSINESS** MARKETS** SUSTAINABILITY**

COP26

Climate inaction costlier than net zero transition: Reuters poll



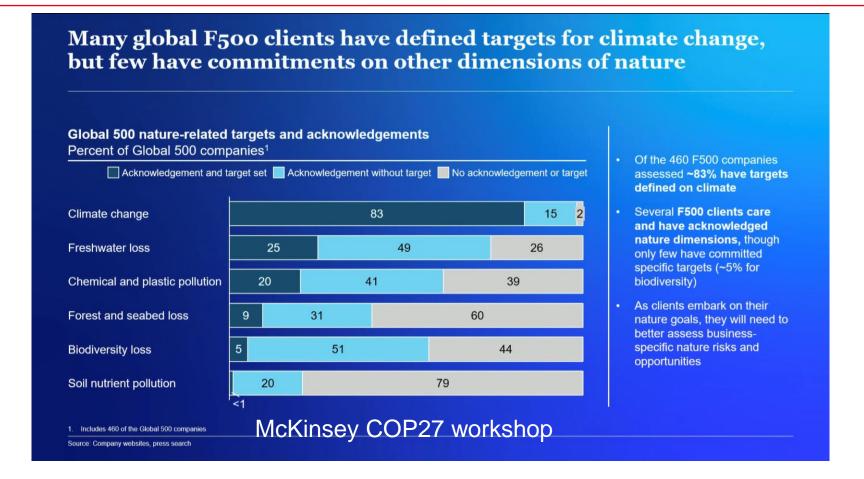
Yale Experts Explain Net Zero Healthcare | Yale Sustainability

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We need wider IMPACT metrics

Wider metrics beyond climate change, environment and society

Redirect capital to locations which will see the strongest effects of climate change yet have contributed less towards cumulative emissions



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Enablers: NetZero 2050 transition

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Effective international collaboration

Orderly and just transition

Societal behavioral adaptation

Innovation in new and emerging technologies

Transportation transition to EVs

Petrochemical to Bio-mass feedstock

Renewable energy transition

Hydrogen economy

Agriculture, food, diet

re, <u>would-cost</u>

McKinsey & Company

Report

The net-zero transition

What it would cost, what it could bring

*the-net-zero-transition-what-it-would-cost-and-what-it-could-bring-final.pdf (mckinsey.com)

Sufficiency

Circular economy

Economics

Economics definition: "Efficient allocation of scarce resources"

 The <u>current economic model has failed*</u> in that <u>resources are</u> not efficiently allocated







We need a new economic model



^{*} Failure means that are current system is not the optimum solution

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An issue: our linear economy

A uni-directional approach of extract, make, use, and dispose.



 Linear models can be seen in economic terms as a market failure (we have not yet found and applied models where we as society can reflect the hidden environmental costs in market prices)

have caused significant impacts on the environment such that serious changes are needed

Design out waste and pollution to reduce GHG emissions across the value chain

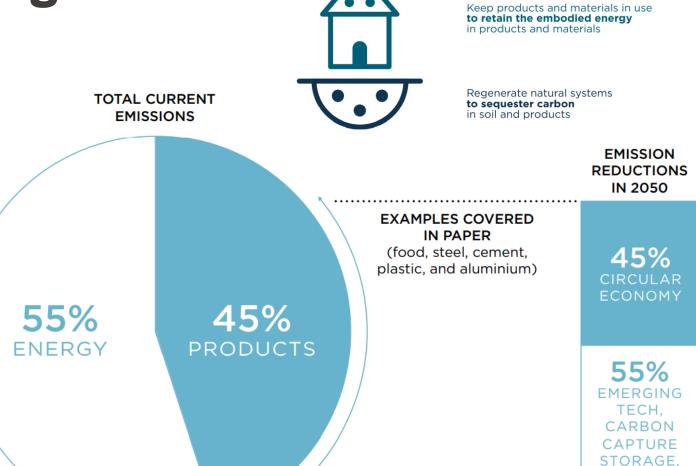
How a circular economy tackles climate change

Emissions today

• A) energy (55%)

• B) Products (45%)

- Looking at products
 - Emissions reduction potential in 2050 enabled by circular economy



AND DIET SHIFT

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Key elements of a circular economy

Beyond a necessary energy transition

A FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE IN THE WAY **GOODS ARE MADE AND USED** IS REQUIRED TO MEET CLIMATE **TARGETS**



Design out waste and pollution



Keep products and materials in use



Regenerate natural systems

Shocking statistics (in the EU)

- Agriculture uses 70% of global water consumption.
- 31% of food waste is lost in the value chain,
- 46% of fruit and vegetable still useful edible mass is lost,
- 60-75% of packaging is lost after the 1st use cycle,
- 8 million T of plastic floods into the ocean each year.
- 90% of the time our cars are idle,
- 60% of office space is not used during office hours.
- 90BT of natural resources extracted only 9% find their way back.
- Fast fashion is responsible for 10% of global CO₂ emissions.



How Online Marketplace is Reducing Food Waste (borgenproject.org)

72% of all economic activity is related to the end user

What we buy will drive what people produce

We are inefficient as a society and need to improve this. Many inefficiencies are money lying on the floor, which if we pick up will hugely benefit the environment.

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What does a circular economy bring?

- Combat climate change
- Crisis response
- Significant improvements in human health
- Increase supply chain resilience
- Improve long term financial performance

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7 principles of the circular economy

- Wakemar
- 1. <u>Design for longevity</u>; component replacement and update through modularity
- 2. Reuse through refurbishment, repair or remanufacturing
- 3. Resource-efficient manufacturing to minimize waste generation
- 4. Recycling-friendly materials and design for ease of disassembly
- 5. <u>Collaboration across the value chain</u> to optimize resource utilization and waste
- 6. Local sourcing and production to reduce transportation emissions
- 7. <u>Innovative business models</u> such as product-as-a-service, leasing, subscription, and take-back programs to incentivize circularity, to encourage sharing and access over ownership



Circular economy business models

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Close

- Material and energy recycled within the system
- Via reuse, refurbishment and recycling

Slow

- Extends the use phase
- Increased durability

Intensify

Asset is used more via sharing

Dematerialize

 Virtual approaches to a physical asset

- ✓ efficiency and productivity,
- **✓** economic and financial viability,
- ✓ design for dis-assembly
- √recovery,
- √recycling,

- ✓ sharing platforms,
- ✓ extending the life of assets,
- ✓ service vs. product
- ✓ if the machine is turned off, the asset is not working for you

EPFL 10 R's of the circular economy Refuse **Refuse:** Say no to unnecessary products and services. Recover Rethink: Lesign products and systems to be more circular. Reduce: Use fewer resources / materials to produce products., **Reuse:** Use products and materials multiple times.

Repair: Fix broken products versus throwing them away.

Refurbish: Restore old products to their original condition.

Remanufacture: Disassemble / rebuild products to create new ones.

Repurpose: Use old products or materials for a new purpose

Recycle: Convert waste materials into new products.

Recover: Extract energy or materials from waste.

11. Relocate: Removal of waste to a different region or country

Which one of these is incorrect?

Recycle

Repurpose

Remanufac ture

Rethink

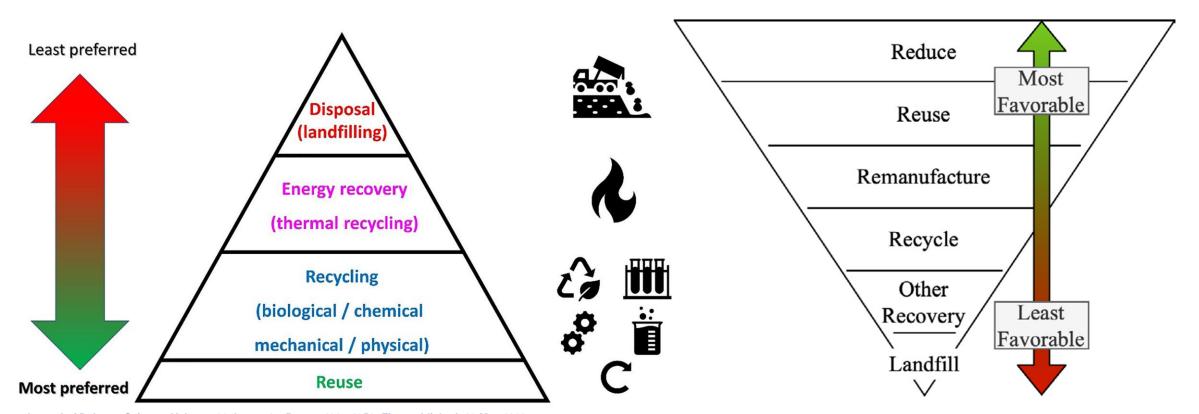
Reduce

Reuse

Repair

Refurbish

Beyond recycling to bigger 'R' levers

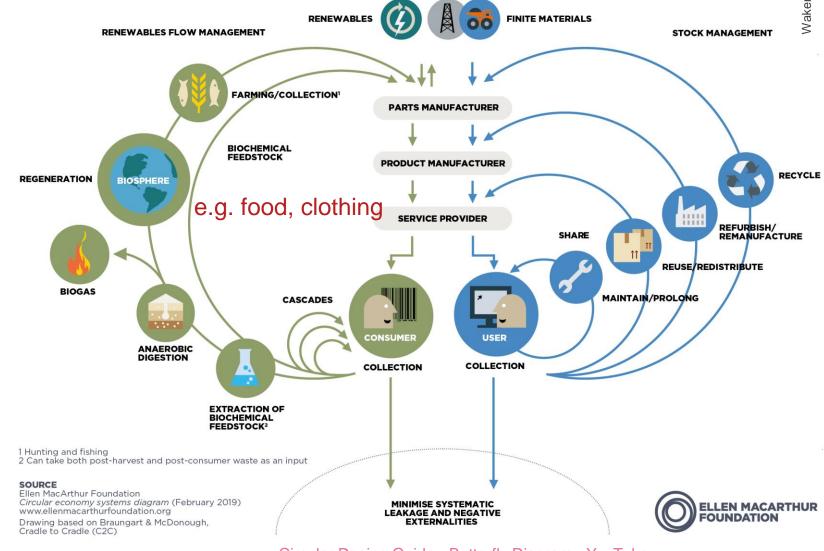


Journal of Polymer Science, Volume: 61, Issue: 17, Pages: 1937-1958, First published: 19 May 2023, DOI: (10.1002/pol.20230154)

Fig. 3. The waste hierarchy (adapted from the EU Waste Framework Directive 2008/98/EC.

- Seeks to rebuild capital
 - Financial
 - Manufactured
 - Human
 - Social
 - Natural

Ensures enhanced flows of goods and services.



Circular Design Guide - Butterfly Diagram - YouTube

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ReSOLVE framework











- Shift to renewable energy and materials
- Reclaim, retain, and restore health of ecosystems
- Return recovered biological resources to the biosphere









- Share assets (e.g. cars, rooms, appliances)
- Reuse/secondhand
- Prolong life through maintenance, design for durability, upgradability, etc.















- Increase performance/efficiency of product
- Remove waste in production and supply chain
- Leverage big data, automation, remote sensing and steering

















- Remanufacture products or components
- Recycle materials
- Digest anaerobically
- Extract biochemicals from organic waste

















VIRTUALISE



 Books, music, travel, online shopping, autonomous vehicles etc.















- Replace old with advanced non-renewable materials
- Apply new technologies (e.g. 3D printing)
- Choose new product/service (e.g. multimodal transport)





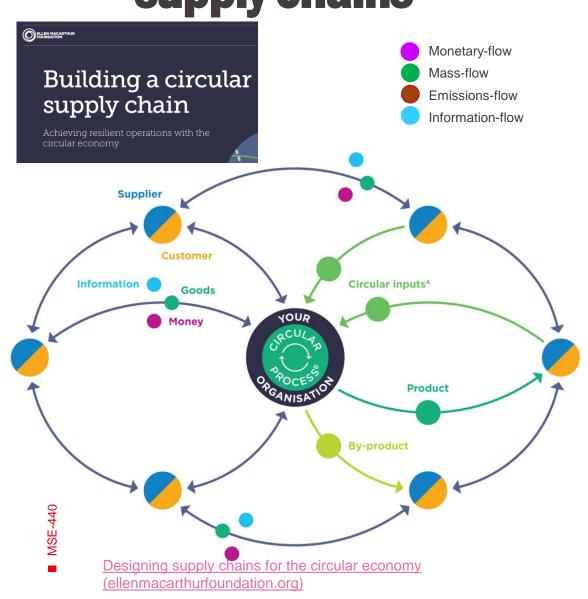


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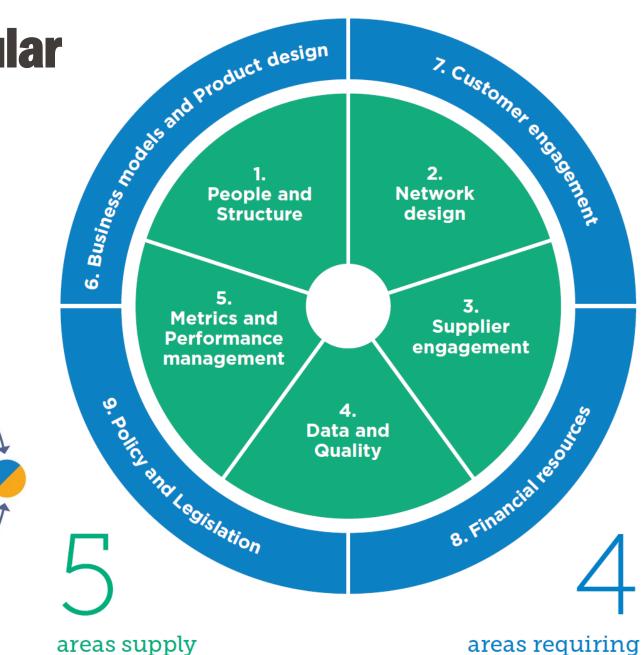




Focus areas for circular supply chains



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areas supply chain teams can directly address

collaboration with other teams

CE for supply chain resilience

- Circular economy and <u>supply chain</u> resilience are interconnected
- Circular supply chains <u>decouple</u> <u>operations</u> from natural resource extraction, increasing <u>material security</u> and reducing exposure to <u>price volatility</u>
- Circular economy can ensure <u>resilience</u> in supply chains, especially in <u>uncertain</u> <u>environments</u>



Journal of Cleaner Production
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Circular economy as crisis response: A primer

Kris Hartley a \boxtimes , Brian Baldassarre b c e \boxtimes , Julian Kirchherr d e f \nearrow \boxtimes

<u>Circular economy as crisis response: A primer -</u> ScienceDirect



Dealing with VU

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Materials and sustainability



... yet we are 7.2% circular

Need to transition to **NetZero SSPs**

- We extract over 90 billion tonnes of raw materials from our planet every year
- 6 of 9 planetary boundaries exceeded

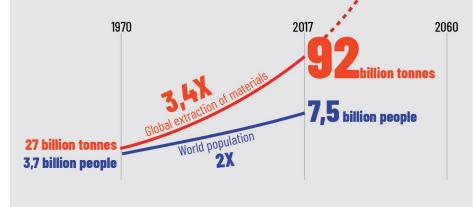
WHY TAKE ACTION

it is impossible to continue





business as usual we will double the extraction of materials in 2060, far beyond the planetary boundaries².



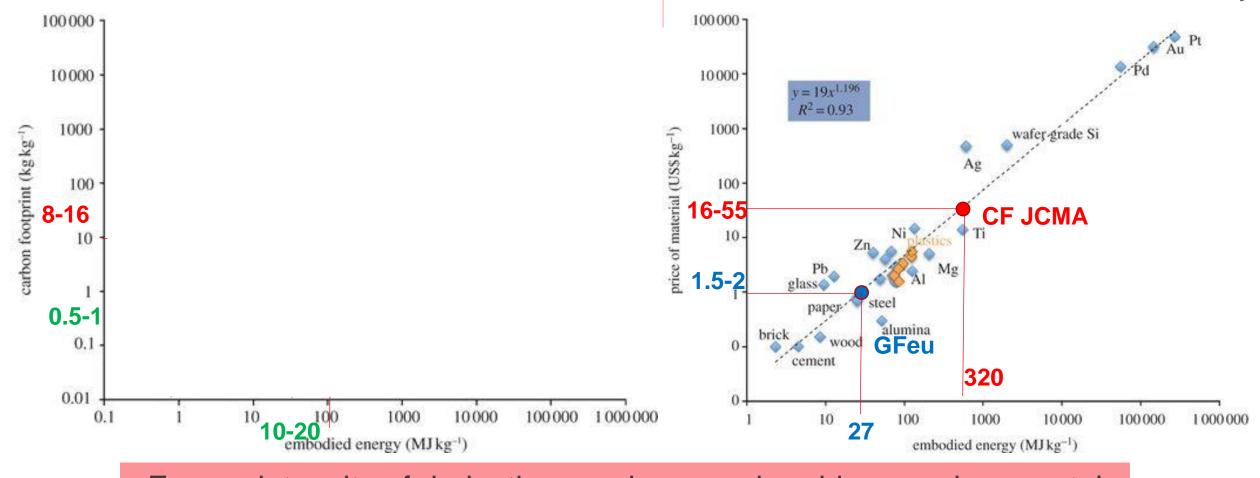
(2019): Global Resources Outlook 2019: Natural Resources for the Future We Want. A Report of the International Resource Panel. United Nations Environment Programme. Nairobi. Kenya 1: "Materials" include biomass, fossil fuels, metals and non-metallic minerals, being are a subset of natural resources which encompasses all material plus water and land. 2: For more information; https://www.stockholmresilience.org/research/glanetary-boundaries/planetary-boundaries/about-the-research/the-nine-planetary-boundaries.html

Systemic change is needed

- 45% of current emissions are in products
- Product design specifications are ~75 per cent of a product's manufacturing costs,
- Up to 80% of a product's lifetime emissions (environmental and social impacts) are determined by decisions made during the design and material selection stage.
- In past 6 years, we have consumed 500 BT of raws, nearly as many as cumulative total since 1900

Re-defining Value - The Manufacturing Revolution | Resource **Panel**





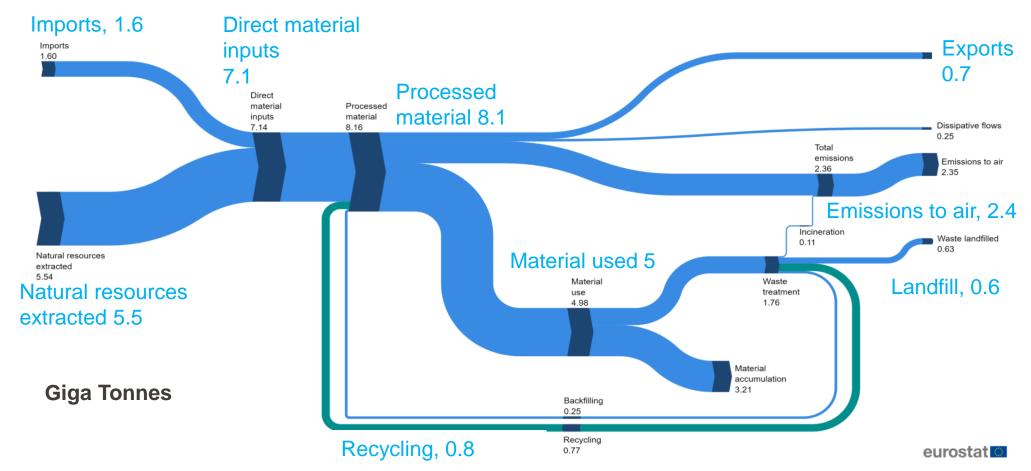
Energy intensity of derivatives and conversion drives environmental foot print and economics

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Material flows in EU, 2022

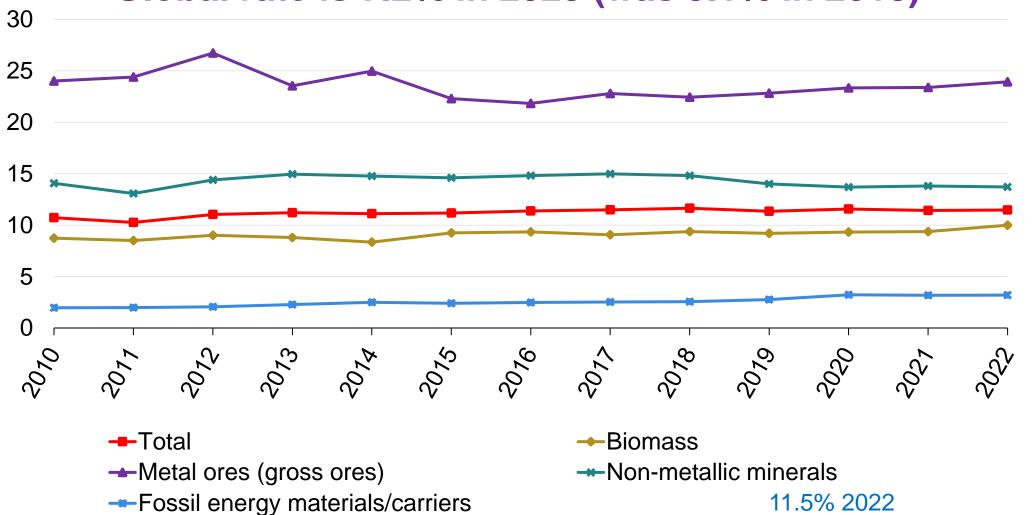
- raw materials processed in the EU (8.16 Gt)
 - 68 % (5.54 Gt) domestic extraction,
 - 20 % from imports (1.60 Gt)
 - 12 % from recycling and backfilling (1.02 Gt),
- 61 % used to make products (4.98 Gt).
- The rest were mainly exported or used for producing energy.



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Circularity rate by main type of material, EU, 2010-2022 (%)

Global rate is 7.2% in 2023 (was 9.1% in 2018)



Source: Eurostat (online data code: env_ac_curm)

11.5% 2022 Circularity rate, EU (Eurostat), 2004-2022 (%)

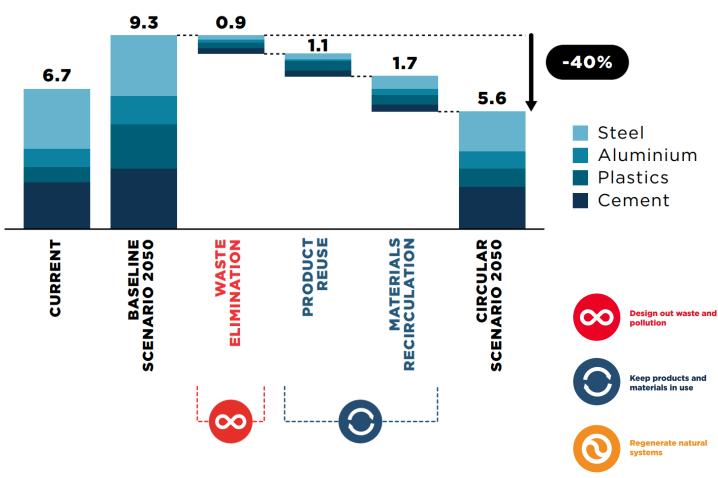


Hard to abate materials

Global CO₂ emissions from four key materials production Billion tonnes of CO₂ per year

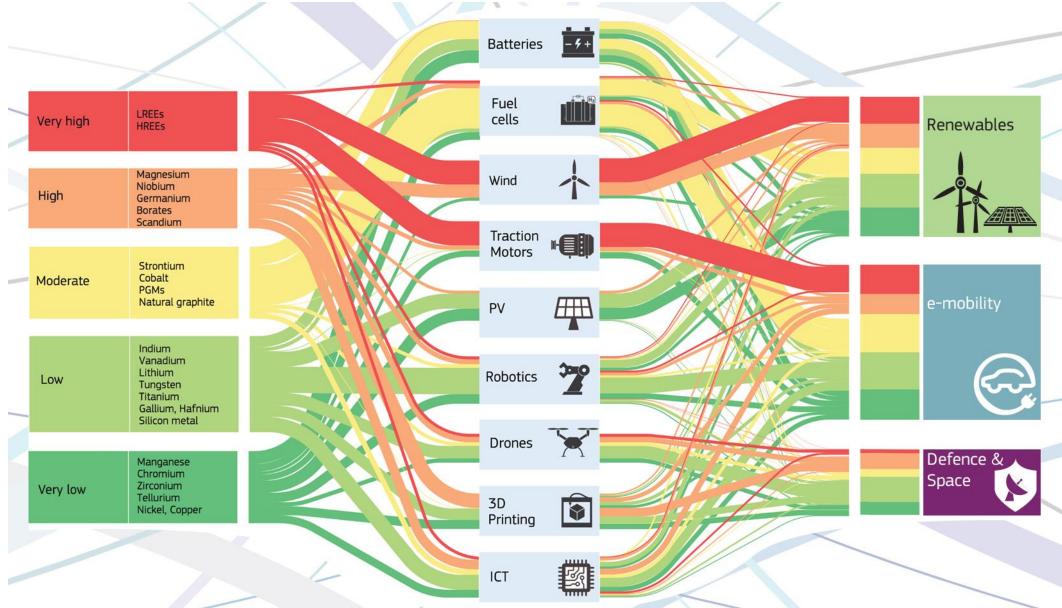
FROM KEY INDUSTRY MATERIALS BY 40% OR 3.7 BILLION TONNES IN 2050

- Industry responsible for ~21% of global CO₂ emissions
- 60% of this is production of cement, steel, plastics & aluminum
- Use of these materials in passenger cars and buildings is 73% of the emissions from producing these four materials

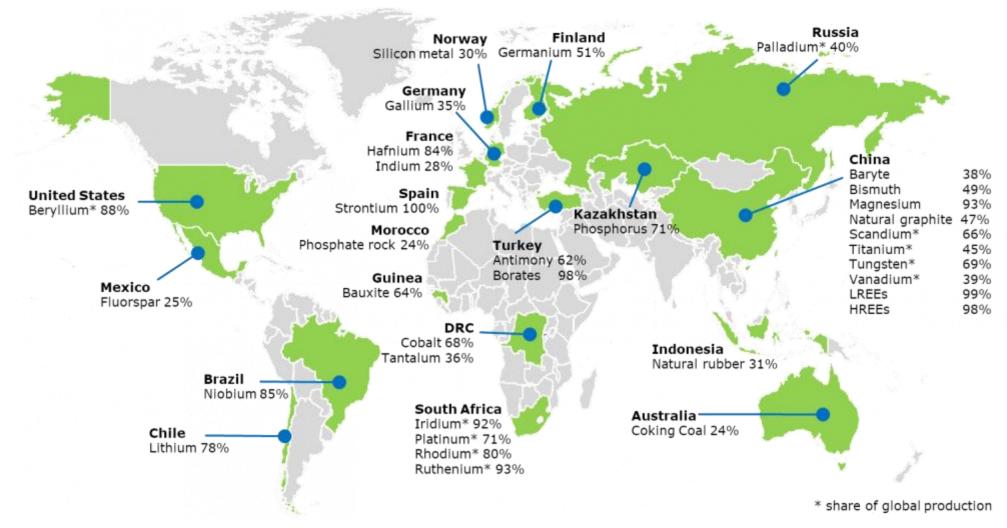


<u>Completing The Picture - How The Circular Economy Tackles Climate Change | Shared by Comms (thirdlight.com)</u>

Critical materials



Supply of rare earth to EU



<u>Critical Raw Materials Act to Secure Supply of Rare Earths to EU | Semiconductor Materials and Equipment (abachy.com)</u>

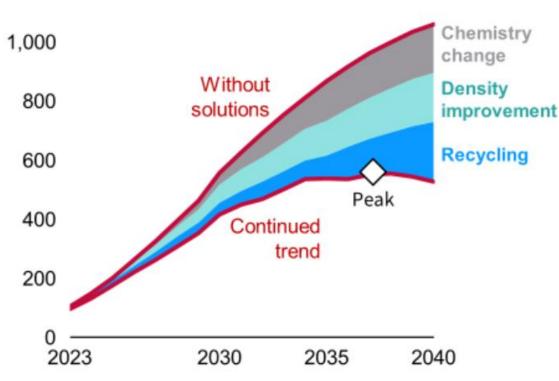


Circular approaches critical to raw materials extraction and EVs

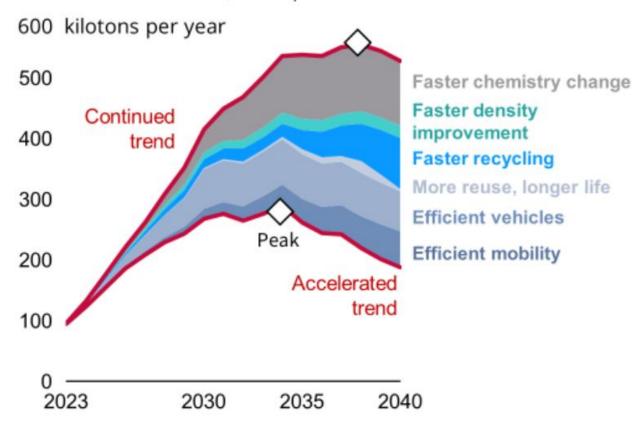


Net lithium demand, fast uptake



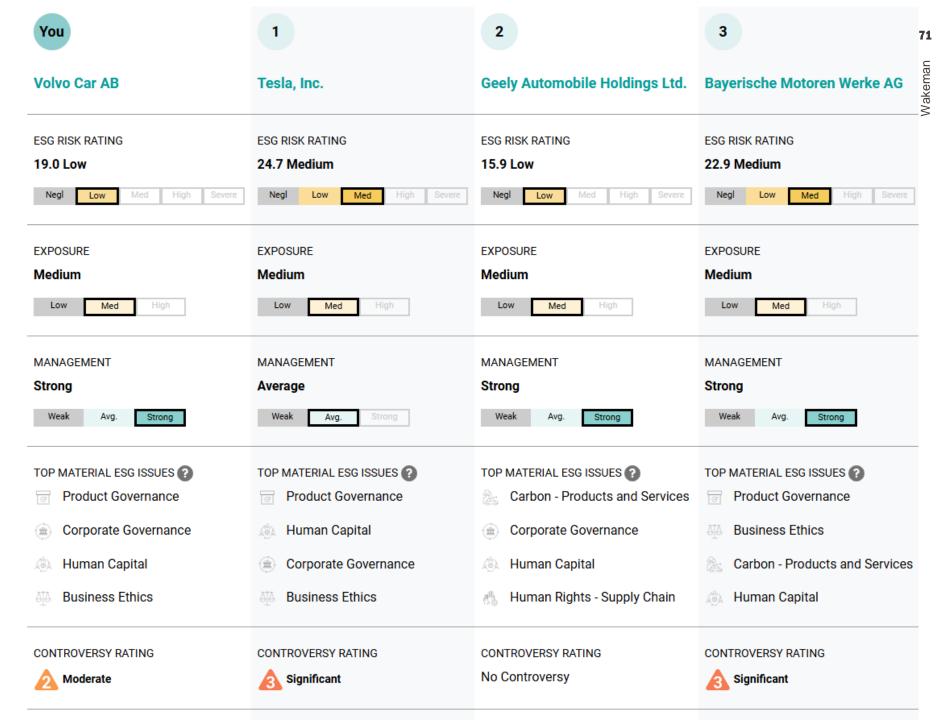


Net lithium demand, fast uptake



 Need to move from linear to circular model

Beyond the use phase



Re-manufacturing example: Renault REfactory

Remanufacturing operation

- Reverse logistics ecosystem of partner companies
- Collects the old parts, dismantles and checks conformity,
- Reassembles, sells on as genuine and guaranteed parts
- Parts 40% less expensive vs. new, undergo same quality tests

volume of remanufactured engine parts is significant

- Gearboxes
- Engines
- Turbos
- Injectors)

Since 2012

- Gearboxes > 112, 000, 60% of components renovated.
- Engines > 73, 000, 60 to 70% of components renovated.
- Turbos > 50, 000, 40% of components renovated.
- Injectors > 94, 000 (since 2010)

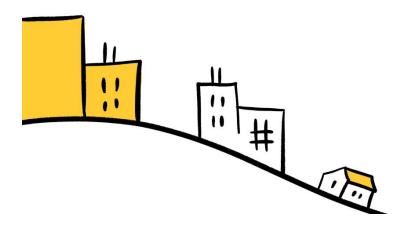
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Examples

The circular economy in action (ellenmacarthurfoundation.org)

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Circular Supply Chains Are More Sustainable. Why Are They So Rare?

by Khaled Soufani and Christoph Loch

Harvard Business Review

June 15, 2021

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What is inhibiting wider adoption of a circular economy?

Barriers to Circular supply chains?

- ade
- Successful examples tend to be local with products and services made of relatively limited number of components
- Human supply chains:
 - 1) performance via parts specialization AND
 - 2) economic efficiency via economies of scale

Consumers: give up performance for environmental sustainability

Business: give up some of the economies of scale and make less sophisticated products

More standardization designed in (for local recycling vs. aggregation)

Society needs to embrace this change

Key enablers towards a circular economy

- 1. Government and policy
- 2. Finance and investment
- 3. Technology
- 4. Reporting
- 5. NetPositive

Also:

- Education
- Be consistent with the goal
- Build infrastructure



Transdisciplinary approach

Innovation needed:

- To address problem of over-consumption and overproduction (places stress on natural resources)
- In Government policies
- In businesses, (how products are delivered, business models (circular vs. linear), the supply chain, recovery & recycling, durable products, service models, ...
- Consumers (how they select and dispose of products)
- Technology and up-scaling



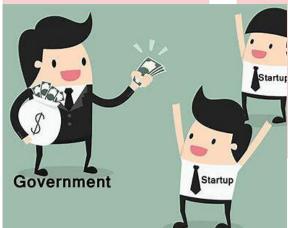
Enablers: Role of Government Policy

Give vision

Not fix market failure

Guide

- Towards circular economy
- Lubricate system with funding



Incentives

- Financial support, creation of opportunities, control depreciation
- Needs to be direct, traceable, and measurable

Collaborations

- Public and private partnerships
- Public sector assumes risk
- Private sector provides the technology focused on circularity.

Policy

- Achieve growth
- Create jobs
- Stabilize economies
- Utilize a countries own resources (reducing imports)



This has started yet the funding levels do not represent the challenge ahead.

Enablers: finance (Investors are reacting)

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Investors

- Moving to favor sustainable enterprises
- Seen as more attractive long term investment opportunities

Companies

 Naturally remain profitable and attractive

Investing

- Sustainability is an attractive and rapidly growing opportunity
- Growth of 27%

Growth

- Double digit growth
- Major mega trend
- Trillion-dollar business opportunity
- Growing demand for such products and services

Objectives

- Companies establish
 - social and environmental objectives
- Monitor and review them

There is already around T\$1.16 invested in impact investments



J.P. Morgan Investment Outlook 2021 | J.P. Morgan Asset Management (ipmorgan.com)



Enablers: evolving business models

Ford will split company in two as it ramps up electric car production

ν Ariel Zilher

March 2, 2022 | 12:01pm | Updated

All businesses need sustainable business models

Incorporate socially and environmentally sustainable practices

Transition: Can keep running linear models while at the same time transferring to circular models



Ford will split company in two as it ramps up EV production

Redesign supply chains for agility

As a lattice rather than rigid constructs today:
i) onshore, ii) near shore, iii) off shore

Bring sustainability into our value propositions

Start-ups to transformation, diversification, acquisitions



Random Walk: The Race to the Bottom to Accelerate?WE (sjrefugee.blogspot.com)

Not a "race to the bottom of the linear economy"

risk of staying as we are seen with covid-19 & vulnerable, fragmented, and fragile supply chains.

Covid-19 has moved this thinking 5 years into the future.

Enablers (Sustainable finance)

- Wakema
- To increase focus on sustainability:
 the earnings retention ratio will ultimately need to be altered such that
 less is paid as dividend and more is reinvested (Stakeholders vs. shareholders).
- Sustainable finance covers capital budgeting including the

Structure

- where capital is sourced from
- equity from shareholders and owners
- debt from banks and bond holders

Working capital

- cash in [sales, inventory, pre-paid expenses]
- cash out flows [pay suppliers, salaries, interest, tax]

Sustainable practices include: payment terms, supplier conditions, and salaries.



Enablers (Sustainable finance)

 Sustainability approaches can increase EBITDA: (earnings before depreciation and amortization)

Reducing COGs (cost of goods sold)

- efficiency gains
- waste management

Reducing OPEX (operating expenses)

- sharing
- leasing
- service approaches

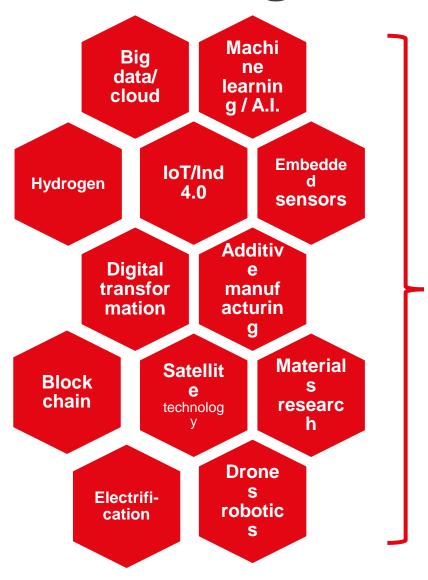
Increasing revenue

- more desirable products
- customers sensitive to sustainability issues will demand

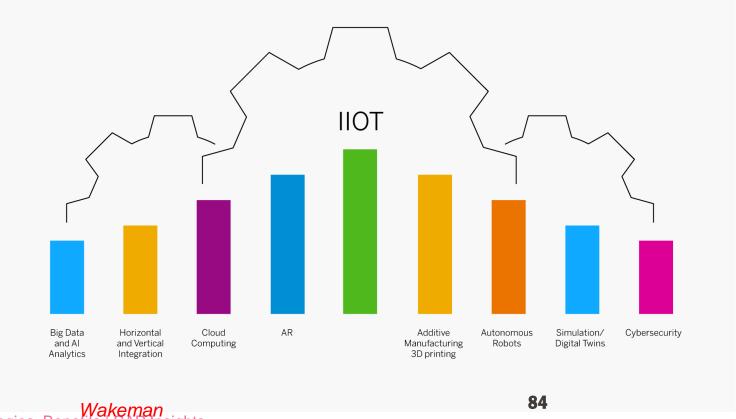
- Can increase gross margin
- Sustainable feedstocks can be more costly



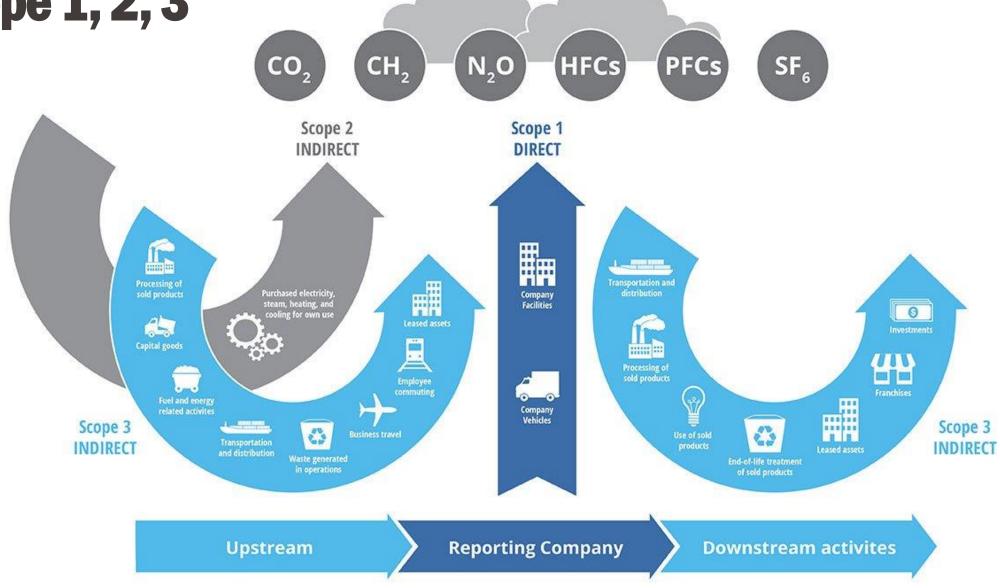
Technological enablers to circularity / NetZero



The advanced materials industry has a huge opportunity to create a circular economy, create clean energy, to mitigate climate change ...







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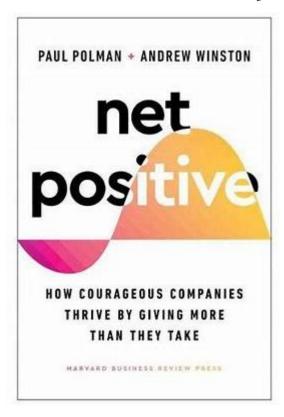
Strategy | **The Net Positive Manifesto**

The Net Positive Manifesto

Is the world better off because your company is in it? by Paul Polman and Andrew Winston

From the Magazine (September–October 2021)

- Both practically and morally, corporate leaders can no longer sit on the sidelines of major societal shifts or treat human and planetary issues as "someone else's problem."
- For their own good, they must play an active role in addressing our biggest shared challenges.
- The economy won't thrive unless people and the planet are thriving.



NetPositive

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A "NetPositive" company is one that grows by helping the world flourish. They:

- 1. Operate 1st in service of multiple stakeholders—which *then* benefits investors (as opposed to putting shareholders above all others)
- 2. Take full ownership of all company impacts (scope 1, 2, 3)
- 3. Embrace deep partnerships, even with critics;
- 4. Tackle systemic challenges by rethinking advocacy and the relationship with governments.

No company has yet reached the ambitious goal of becoming net positive. But a growing number have begun the journey—unlocking greater value for their businesses while helping solve larger problems for the benefit of all.

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Companies with sustainability focus out-perform

ESG outperformance amid COVID-19 crisis

31 North American member stocks weathered downturn better than the market

Consistently outperforming: WBCSD portfolio* beat the market by about 10% year to date

Rapid recovery from the crisis lows: almost returned to business-as-usual price level



* 3M, Abbott, ABInbev, ADM, Apple, Bunge, Cemex, Chevron, Cooper Tire, Corteva, Dow, DuPont Eaton, Exxon Mobil, Goodyear, Google (Alphabet), Greif, IFF, International Paper, Kellogg, Maple Leaf Foods, Microsoft, Nutrien, Pepsico, Procter & Gamble, S&P, Tiffany, UPS, Verizon, Walmart, Whidnool (Market can, weighted)

 Focus on sustainability helped relative performance during Covid-19 market turbulence.

<u>2020: a different kind of "super year" - World Business Council for</u> Sustainable Development (WBCSD)

 Sustainable funds outperformed over last 5 years (MorganStanely)

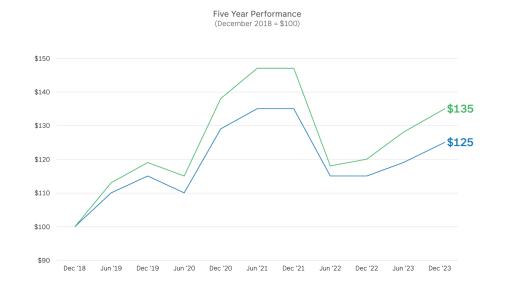
ESG outperformance amid COVID-19 crisis

67 stocks of European members are more resilient in the view of investors

Significant better performance in the bearish market: reflecting investor confidence in European members



Five Year Performance of Sustainable and Traditional Funds



MSInstituteforSustainableInvesting-SustainableRealityFY2023-Final.pdf (morganstanley.com)

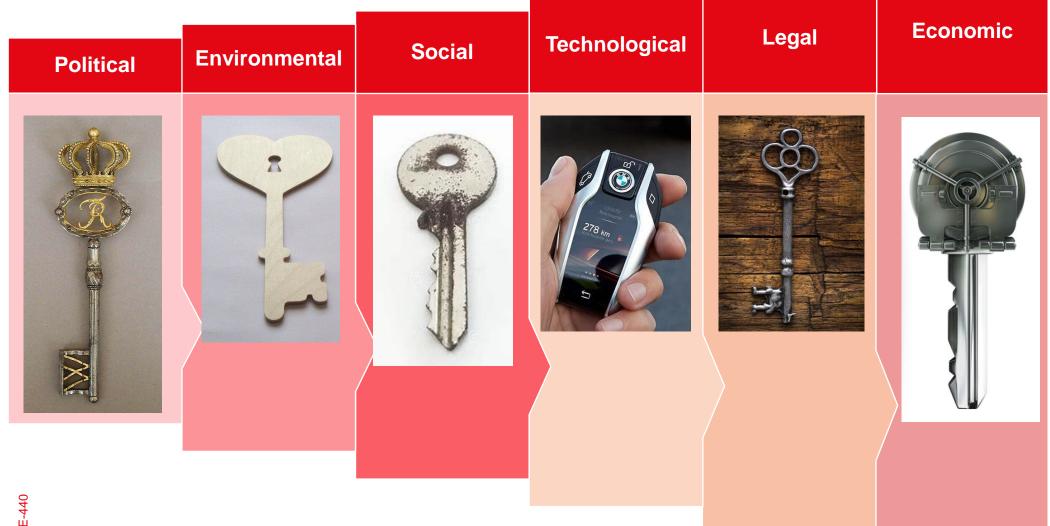


PESTLE level, trans-disciplinary thinking

Political	Environmental	Social	Technological	Legal	Economic
Give vision Guide Incentives Collaborations Policy	Great acceleration Earth system trends Planetary boundaries Tipping points Bio-diversity	Shifting baseline Trade flows Consumption Wealth inequality SDGs Social foundation	Entrepreneursh ip Bio-mass Stranded assets Energy Transportation Electrification Agriculture Hydrogen A.I.	Reporting Transparency Close loop holes Financial regulation Favor circularity Prosecute offenders Manage markets	People Planet Profit SROI ESGS Reporting: scope 1,2,3 Sustainable finance Impact investments Transparency Net Positive

- Innovation is needed: Government, Policy, Finance, Universities
- Technology: works best in a systems approach

PESTLE level thinking for systemic change



















Engineered products and a circular economy

Business models

NetPositive / regenerative

Circular financial flows

Product differentiation

Leasing

Servitization

Sharing (access over ownership)

Take back programs

Customer communication / marketing

Supply chain

Local sourcing and production

Collaboration coinvest across value chain

> Reduce transportation emissions

Sell waste as product

Reverse logistics

Engage wider stakeholders

Reduce upstream scope 3 emissions

Production

Minimize production waste

Resource efficient manufacturing assets

Avoid low utilization physical assets via lease

Reduce scope 1 and scope 2 indirect emissions

Renewable energy

Plant / partnerships to enable refurbishment / remanufacturing

Design

Durability/ longevity

For dis-assembly

Optimized (reduce mass)

For repair

Supply chain collaboration

For lowest scope 3 downstream / use phase / EL emissions

Materials

Lowest embodied energy materials

Use lower environmental impact materials

Use recycled / 2ndary / waste materials

Use less types of material

Use easier to recycle materials



Summary: Eliminate. Circulate. Regenerate.

to reduce emissions and meet the targets set out in the Paris Agreement

Half of the story

 The transition to renewable energy is vital in order to tackle climate change 2nd Half of the Story

 45% of global greenhouse gas emissions come from the way we make and use products and food. That means we need to redesign our economy

- Eliminate waste and pollution
- Recirculate products and materials
- Regenerate nature

We need a circular economy to <u>help</u> us reach NetZero

Completing the picture - How the circular economy tackles climate change - YouTube

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Overview

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- Sustainability
- NetZero transition
- Linear vs. circular economy
- Circular economy frameworks
- Materials and engineered product examples
- Enablers to a CE
- Initiatives



Human needs and some psychology

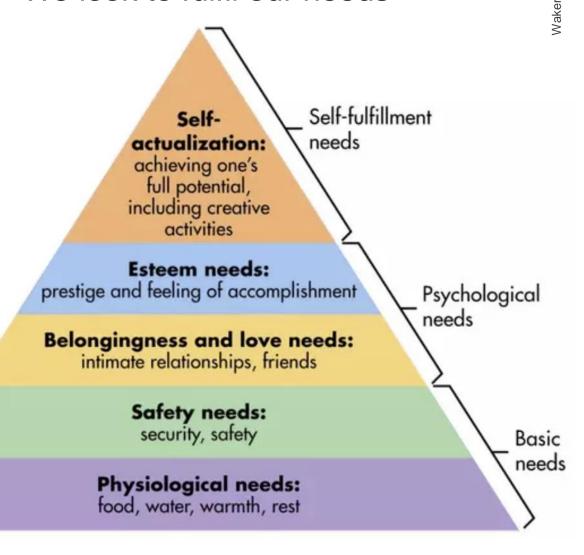
In the west

- We look to self-actualize
- Prepared to pay more for an ecological / biobased / premium product ...

While ... many others

- across the world are still trying to meet their basic human needs of food, water, and shelter
- needs are so pressing that they do not have the head space to consider the impact on future generations as they are trying to survive and feed their children.

We look to fulfil our needs



Climate change & game theory

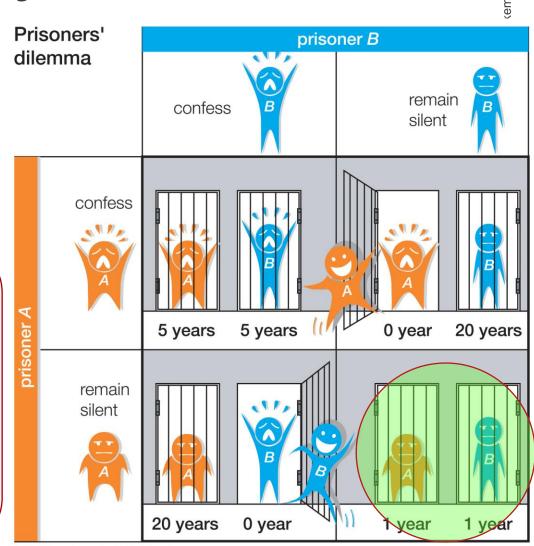
- People or nations might not cooperate even though it would be in their combined best interests to do so
- By prioritizing their personal or national interests, individuals acting rationally can create a worse overall result.
- We need to embrace change, take the strain, and address the issue together.

FINANCIAL TIMES Climate change and the prisoner's dilemma This problem demonstrates the tension between selfishness and co-

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The dilemma, then, is that mutual cooperation yields a better outcome than mutual defection but is not the rational outcome because the choice to cooperate, from a self-interested perspective, is irrational.



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1. Business

- There is money lying on the floor to be recovered from operational efficiencies.
- Need to introduce true pricing of externalities (waste / emissions)
- These need to become definers for success and promotion, really not just in theory.

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- Need to reinvent capitalism as the old model did not efficiently apply scare resources and we are overheating the system, AND its people.
- We need to shift the ethical framework of capitalism, and our own behavior and buying decisions

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2. Core values and convictions

- We are emotional people who have values and personal ethics. This is part of us. We cannot deny it or we are not true to ourselves.
- Without it change cannot be catalyzed to make the phase change occur in the ethical framework of capitalism.
- We need to redefine the box by which we are assessed beyond the bottom line and bring our convictions into the work place.
- A commitment to prosperity and freedom is wider than we think.

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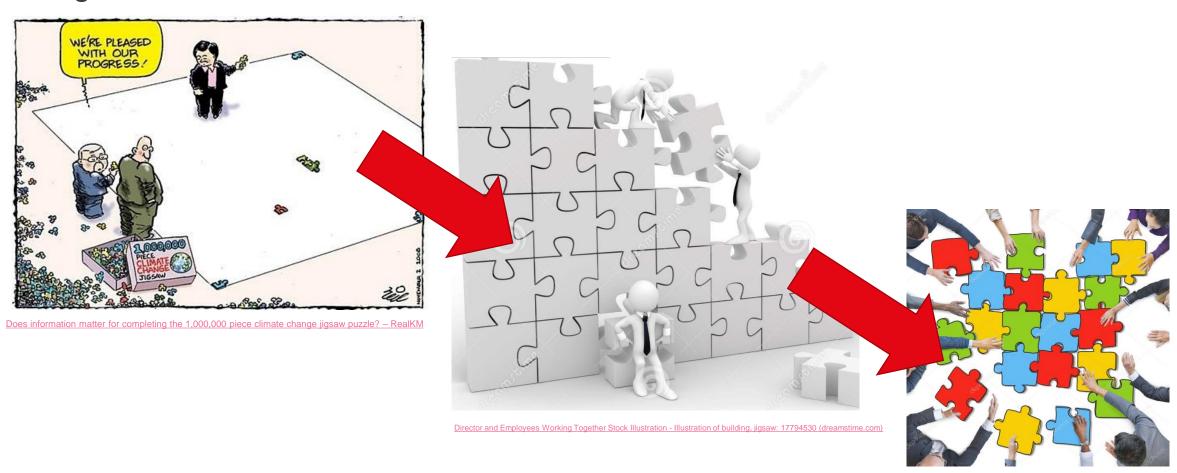
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If we take risks in decision making then we can choose to do this for what we really believe in.



We can each bring a piece of the jigsaw puzzle

Together we can make a difference



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Now time for action



TCS winter



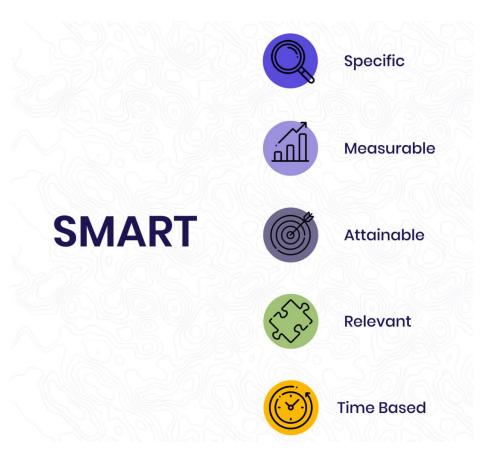
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Exercise

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Think of 3 SMART sustainability initiatives

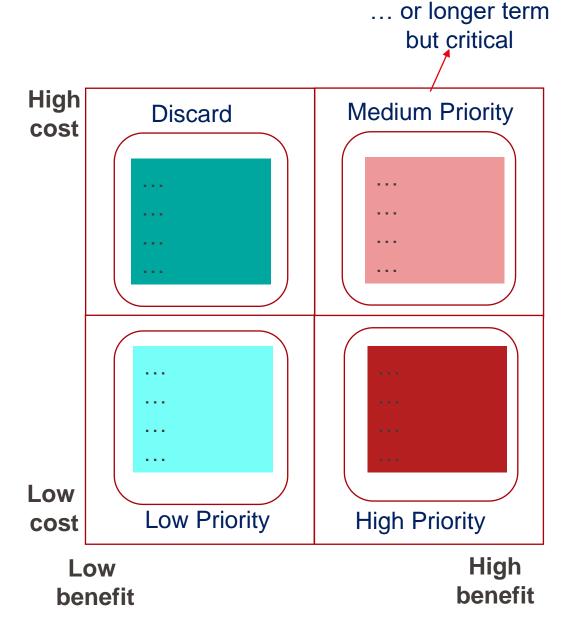




SMART objectives - Bing images

What are Strategic Initiatives? How to Develop & Execute + Examples (cascade.app)

- Operations focused
- Product focused
- Supply chain
- Industry wide
- Develop strategic mix of
 - Short (fast to implement, low cost/high benefit)
 - Medium (transition to the future)
 - Longer term
 (high risk, high benefit, maybe high cost)





Example: SMART initiatives



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Initiative description	Next steps	Impact	Challenges	Resource needs	Key dates	Stakeholders
 Install PV panels on 1000m² of factory roof Generate 540 kWh/day to reduce scope 2 emissions by 	 Research benefits on product LCA Choose 3 suppliers Quotation by end of August Presentation to board September 20th 	 Reduce CO2e from oil heating (25.2 g CO2e vs. 1kg CO2e / kWh fossil fuels) PV production impact recovered in 1 year Abate 30 tonnes CO2e/yr 	 7-8 year payback period Site assessment 	 25% of project engineer for 9 month 200k CHF CAPEX 	 Quotation end August Decision end Oct. Planning permission to end December Operational target April 2025 	 Building services manager Chief sustainability officer Customers (demanding lower CO2e in our commodities) CFO LCA group